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On the Cover:

•Junior **Kellee Van Hemert**, lead guitarist for the band ISH, plays his Gibson during a show at Third Reformed Church. •Freshman **Jon DeHaan** throws the frisbee during the Homecoming flag football class competition. •Trying to break a tackle during the district football game against Perry is junior **Joe Burch**. On the defensive end, **Burch** had two tackles in the game. •Senior **Beth Jones** twirls her flag during the Marching Dutch's halftime performance. **Jones** was a three-year member of the color guard.

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*Freshman **Katie Sadler** plays her violin during orchestra's first concert Oct. 10. **Sadler** was named to the Iowa Junior Honors Orchestra and played at the All-State Festival.



***Sara Steenhoek**, sophomore, enjoys a relaxed moment during Forté's jazz routine at a dress rehearsal. The routine placed second at state.



industrious

*Senior **Bryan Vander Meiden** works on a car during his first semester home and auto maintenance class. "It was a fun class. You learn a lot of skills that you can use when you get out of school," said **Vander Meiden**.

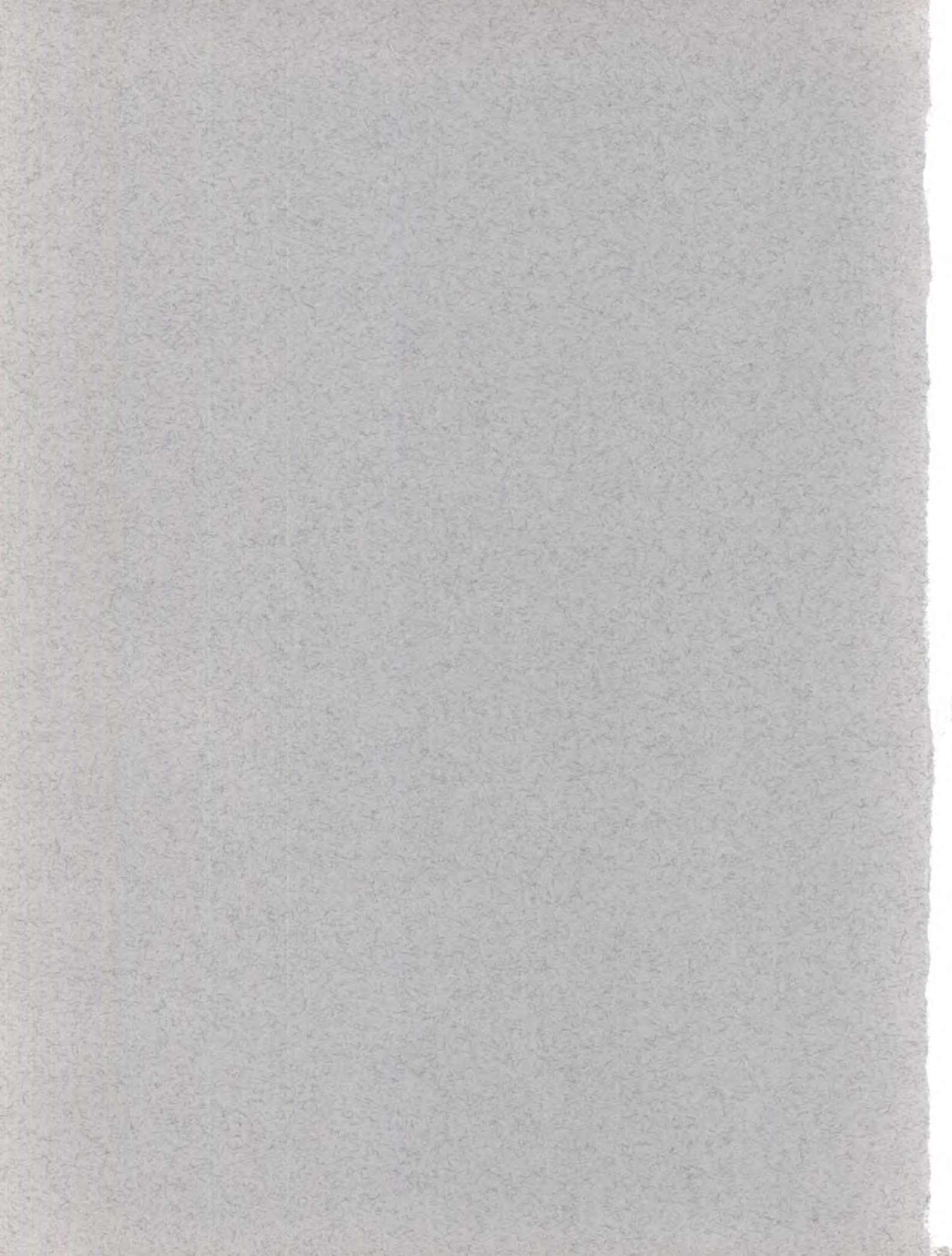


*Pulling up for a shot during the varsity boys' basketball game against Albia is junior **Josh Smith**. **Smith** came off the bench to score 12 points in the Dec. 14 win.



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*Seniors and sophomores battle each other in a game of Capture the Flag during the class competitions portion of homecoming. The sophomores defeated the seniors and were the overall Capture the Flag champions.

*Brad DeWild, Robert Bruss, and Luke Borgman tackle Tommy Fritz as a part of the sophomores' homecoming skit. The sophomores skit was disqualified and received last place.

*Junior Lindsay Graham gets an interesting view of Veteran's Memorial Auditorium at the State Drill Team Competition on Dec. 6 during Forté's military routine. They received top honors in their class for the routine.

competitive



*Freshman Jason Dole,
Homecoming Geek Day

goofy

(goo'fé) adj.
silly;
ridiculous

focused

('fo-kesed)
adj. to be
concentrated

*Freshman Bret Vander
Streek, environmental science



*Sophomore Naina Barnett,
state individual drill team

poised

('poizd)
adj. showing
an easy
composure

spirit

(spîr'ît) n.
strong loyalty
or dedication

*Senior Kate Sloan, varsity
football cheerleading



by definition

From **losing** post-season competitions by the smallest of margins to **marching** before a Rose Bowl Parade audience of over one million people to **achieving** an 'A' on that impossible chemistry test, students experienced defining moments every day of the school year.

Along with these defining moments came **overwhelming** emotions. "Losing our substate game in the fifth game by three points to Oskaloosa was **devastating**," said senior volleyball player **Jena Marlow**. The football team also lost in a 15-14 heartbreaker to Atlantic in the state quarterfinals.

Other defining moments included **academic** achievements and club activities. Among the areas receiving awards were journalism, agriculture, band and chorus. FHA had over 60 members who attended "Riverdance" at the Civic Center in Des Moines while FFA placed first in the state at the soils team contest, providing **memorable** moments of their own.

Students experienced **moments** and emotions that helped define the year, but the atmosphere was felt by students and faculty alike. Assistant Principal **Eric Nelson** described the students and atmosphere this year in one word - **positive**. "I think the school culture was positive because the students performed well in the classroom and extracurriculars, and they were positive to each other," said **Nelson**.

People



*Sophomore **Bruno Orticelli** prepares to joust at the 242 youth group kick-off at Third Reformed Church in September. *Focusing before her race in Newton is swim team member **Cricket VanDenBerg**, a junior.



Athletics

Club-academics



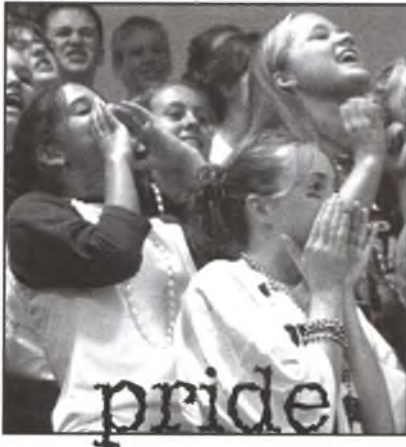
*Juniors **Emily Goodyk**, **Angela LoThi**, and **Jordy Bloodsworth** act as Grinnell volleyball players during their homecoming skit. ***Becky Steenhoek**, junior, waves her flag at the end of the Marching Dutch's performance during the homecoming game.



Student Life

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surprising interesting frustration
disappointment exhilarating
by definition heartbreaking
bittersweet new traditional excitement
unique

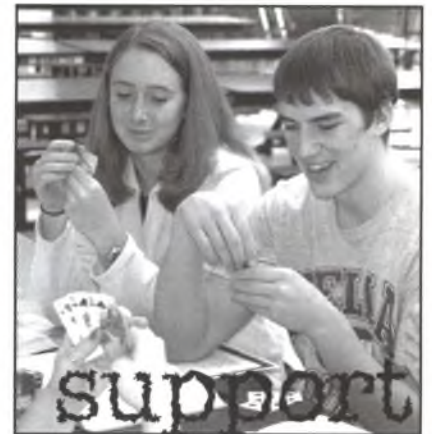


Homecoming

Homecoming featured a combination of old and new traditions. The king and queen coronation, game afternoon, class skits, powder puff game, and dress up days were among the activities. "It was really fun to dress up, and it was great to see our class loose," said sophomore **Brianna Ybarrola**, pictured (far left) cheering with classmate **Allyson Fugitt** during the spirit shoe competition at the Friday afternoon pep rally. The sophomores placed last overall in the class competitions for the second year in a row.

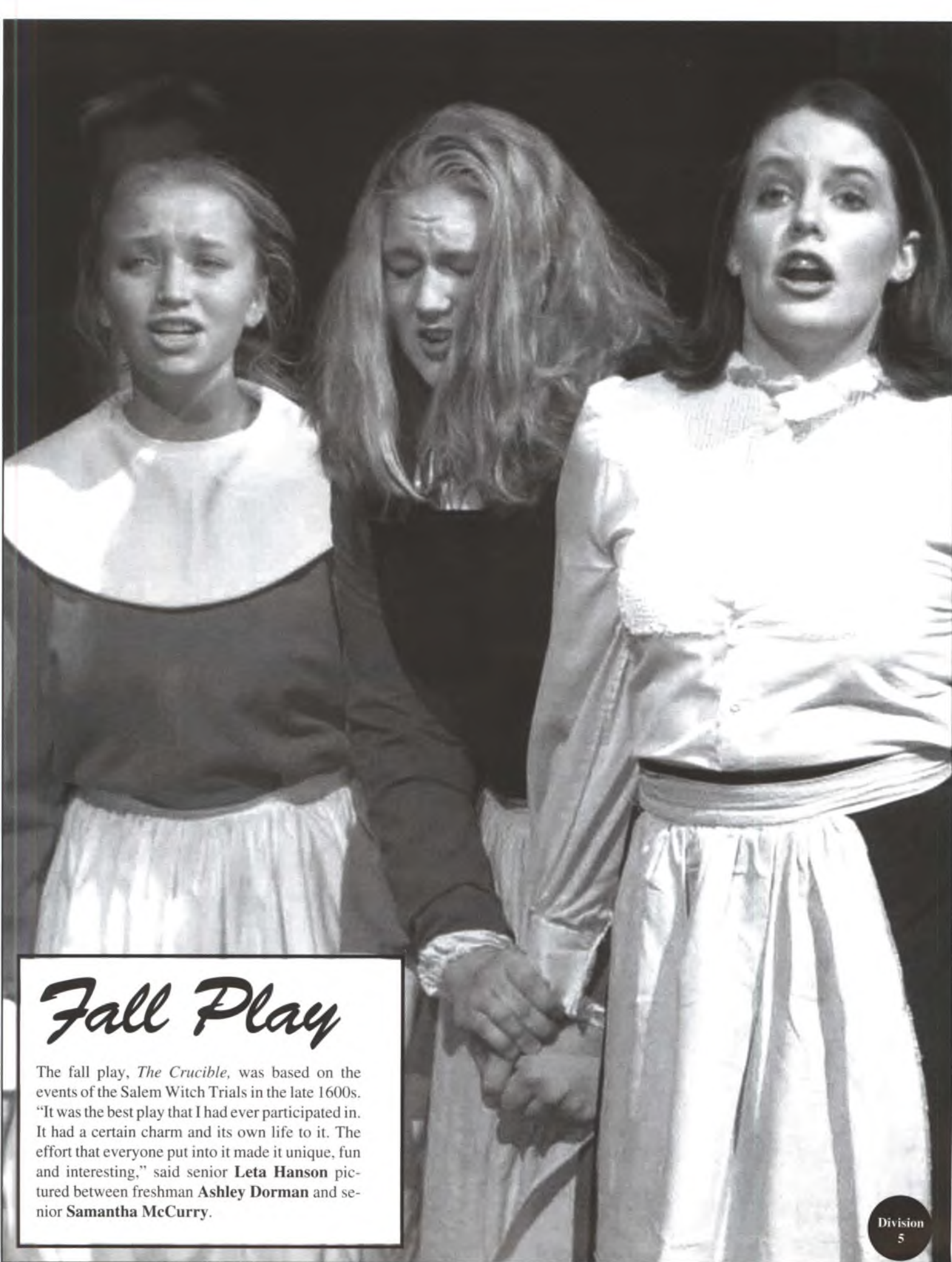
Relationships

Students created lasting relationships with friends, family, significant others, and even pets that helped enrich their school year. Whether it was on the court or in the halls, many found that the relationships they formed were highlights of their year. "Having friends is really important. This year my friends and I spent many study halls playing cards. It's really fun and a great way to interact with your fellow classmates," said senior **Katelyn DePenning**. DePenning and classmate **Jeff Steenhoek** play a game of cards with their friends during their third period free hour.



Winter Break

The 16-day winter break was a time many used to relax, whether it was on a vacation or at home. From skiing in Minnesota to marching in the Rose Bowl Parade in California to shooting baskets in the gym, students found ways to fill the winter break weeks. Senior **Alicia Heersink** and freshman **Kyle Erikson** prepare to ride the Maliboomer at the California Adventure Theme Park during the marching band's trip to California.



Fall Play

The fall play, *The Crucible*, was based on the events of the Salem Witch Trials in the late 1600s. "It was the best play that I had ever participated in. It had a certain charm and its own life to it. The effort that everyone put into it made it unique, fun and interesting," said senior **Leta Hanson** pictured between freshman **Ashley Dorman** and senior **Samantha McCurry**.

YOU EITHER LOVE IT...



"I didn't realize the dress I wore was that short until about five minutes before we went out. It was a lot of fun!"

Zach Van Horn
Senior

OR

LEAVE IT...



"We made fun of the air ducts because they are silly. They were funny the first time, but that's it. We knew the slinky fight would get a rise out of people."

Billy Fox
Senior



On Green and White Day, junior **Tyler Freeman** decided to go all-out. He bought a wig and colored it, painted his face, and made a green and white t-shirt. "I dressed up on Green and White Day out of boredom and to get a reaction from my fellow school attendees. People were in shock, in fear and laughing," said **Freeman**. Green and White Day had the most overall participation by both the students and faculty.



Junior **Leah Robinson** was remembered during halftime of the football game on Friday. Members of the junior class let off balloons donated by senior **Kristin Sytsma's** mother, **DeAnn Robinson** died the week before homecoming in a car accident. "It was a real cool thing to do in remembrance of **Leah**. We were very happy that we were allowed to do it during the football game," said **Lacey Malek**, junior.



Even though court member **Kyle Simpson**, senior, wasn't announced as king during the coronation on Monday, he walked up to accept the crown as a joke. "While I was on stage, I started to ham up, breathe heavy and shake. I couldn't see or hear the crowd's reaction. I was deathly afraid that no one was laughing, but staring at me at thinking 'Oh my goodness, that poor kid thought he won.' But luckily for me, everyone enjoyed it, and I didn't fall flat on my face," said **Simpson**.

The freshman, JV, and varsity volleyball teams had first victory of the week, defeating Grinnell on Tuesday. "It was great being able to contribute to the spirit of homecoming with a win," said freshman **Ashley Meirick**. Because all three teams won, they didn't have practice on Friday. "We were able to go to the freshman football game!" said freshman **Jessica Terlouw**.



King **Emmanuel Mate-Kodjo**, senior, and Queen **Heather Kraayenbrink**, senior, accept their crowns as the crowd applauds. This year, the king also received a wand. "It was definitely an unexpected blessing for me. It was an amazing honor," said **Kraayenbrink**.

SPEAK OUT!

The junior class was victorious over the seniors in both class competitions and overall spirit. Some members of the senior class booed as the juniors were presented the spirit shoe and trophy. Juniors thought they were worthy of the honors. "We deserved to win because we put a ton of effort into all the activities. I thought it was quite funny how the seniors attempted to walk out because we won *everything*! Next year we are going to rule again," said junior **Hannah Smith**.



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Heather Kraayenbrink, Vance Schuring



Chopper 13



Michael VanDusseldorp



Kate Sloan, Vance Schuring



Austin Ewell



Homecoming took over for one week, themed...

A FEW GOOD MEN & WOMEN

• Lauren Birkel

Although senior **Kyle Simpson** was in disbelief about not being named Homecoming King during the coronation, he eventually allowed his classmate **Emmanuel Mate-Kodjo** accept the well-earned crown. **Mate-Kodjo** along with Queen **Heather Kraayenbrink**, senior, reined over the week's festivities.

Some underclassmen found it hard to vote for the royalty because they didn't know many seniors.

"I voted for **Emmanuel** because he was the only person that I'd ever seen in person before. I didn't know any of the girls, so I picked the one whose name sounded the coolest," said freshman **Paul Michaels**.

For the freshman, this was their first taste of the high school's tra-

dition of homecoming.

"I thought it was kind of fun with all the dress-up days. Duct Tape Day was pretty cool. I'm glad I know what will be happening next year, especially with the V-I-C-T-O-R-Y cry at the pep rally," said freshman **Ross Langel**.

Sophomore **Ryan Sims** thought this year's homecoming was even better than last year.

"The seniors were better and kept it a positive thing. I hope to have even better homecomings in the future," said **Sims**.

Overall, this year's homecoming was a positive experience for many.

"It was a success, especially to class of '04. Can you say spirit shoe and trophy?" asked junior **Sarah VanWyk**.

"The craziest part was when I was on the radio and couldn't remember anyone's name!"
King
Emmanuel Mate-Kodjo,
Senior



The 2002 homecoming court included seniors **Annie Carlson**, **Ashley Braun**, King **Emmanuel Mate-Kodjo**, Queen **Heather Kraayenbrink**,

Lindsay Korver, **Kate Sloan**. BACK: **Kyle Simpson**, **Klayton Korver**, **Nick Mulder**, **Vance Schuring**.



Andrew Santiago



Jenny Veenstra



Kyle Simpson, Annie Carlson



Anthony Lopez



Kassie Sneller

YOU EITHER

LOVE IT...



"I worked really hard to prepare myself both mentally and physically for the performance. I'd like to thank all my fans for being there through the highs and lows of my career."

Ashley Braun
Senior

OR LEAVE IT...



"Skateboarding was fun, but there were way more freshman than sophomores and juniors. I was the only sophomore and we would've won if there were just a few more sophomores."

Adam Zemanek
Sophomore



Stuffing her face is sophomore **Brianna Garrard** as she tries to eat as much pie as she can, as fast as she can, in the pie-eating class competition. "The pie eating contest ended up being more embarrassing than I thought it would be. I lost horribly to **Michael Trotter**, **Brandi Vink**, and **Nikki Halvorsen**, but I still had fun and I would still do anything for free pie," said **Garrard**.



Dress-up days gave students a chance to be someone or something other than their normal selves. Seniors **Kyle Simpson** and **Chris Boeyink** pose in their gothic look for Goth Day. "I have always been sympathetic towards gothics, and I was overjoyed at a chance to finally show my true colors," said **Boeyink**. "I gotta say I felt a little uncomfortable in lipstick and eye shadow," added **Simpson**.



Senior **Tyler Cowman** celebrates a touchdown in homecoming's game against Ballard. "Going into the game we were both 3-0 so we knew they'd be a good team, and we couldn't lose on homecoming for the second year in a row. We came out ready to play," said **Cowman**.

SPEAK OUT!

Juniors **Matt Goodyk**, **Matt Terlouw**, **Drew Wilson**, **Jasen Dahm**, **Robbie Feeney**, **Jon Ver Meer**, and **Joe Burch** show their support by cheering at the powder puff game. "High school is about fun and supporting each other. For most of us guys, this was the first year we could go, and we went to support the girls. There were a lot more guys there than past years. Junior girls rule!" said junior **Jon Ver Meer**.



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Vance Schuring



Aleisha Brummel, Kate Sloan



Katelyn DePenning



Michael Van Dusseldorp, Sierra Smith



Ann Visser



Roaring cheers and dramatic dress-ups make

SCHOOL SPIRIT COME ALIVE

•Rachel Barnes

School spirit was at its best during Homecoming Week Sept. 23-27, with dress-up days, class competitions, athletic events, cheering, and decorating.

In comparison to previous years, more school spirit and less rebellion was seen.

"Homecoming was better this year than years past. The students seemed to put more into it without making it a political statement," said math teacher **Wade Van Vark**.

Study hall supervisor **Shelly Sample** added, "I think the classes really enjoyed class competitions, and they worked well with each other when competing."

Students themselves could observe more competition and participation between the classes.

"I think this year the whole school had a lot of spirit and participated a lot more than years before," said junior **Katie Ozinga**.

Ozinga commended her classmates, too. "I'm really proud of the junior class. I think we deserved what we won."

The juniors won best skit, spirit shoe, and class competitions, and the senior class won best decorations.

Class unity also flourished among grade levels.

"I thought our class came together when we were decorating our hallway, and that turned out great. Dress-up days also brought us together because we all dressed up and had a lot of fun with that," said freshman **Blake Vander Molen** regarding his

first high school homecoming.



"The pep rally was fun, and I was pumped up for the game that night!"

**Andy Hawkins,
Junior**

Down and ready crouch sophomores **Bobbi Van Zante**, **Brianna Ybarrola**, **Lacey Pender**, **Naomi Yang**, and **Louisa Orticelli**. For some

girls, the game meant more this year. "Playing in the powder puff game was fun this year because we got playing time, unlike last year," said **Pender**.



Joel Weiler



Don Trotter



Nick Mulder



Michael Trotter



Marc Kucinski

YOU EITHER

LOVE IT...



"Flying for the first time ruled! I want to fly all the time."

Tiffany Pol
Senior

(pictured with senior Sarah Vos)

OR

LEAVE IT...



"I've flown a lot, so it wasn't a really big deal for me. It was a lot of fun watching the first time fliers."

Chris Wills
Senior



Rides, shows and movies were a big thrill at California Adventure and Universal Studios. **Eddie Murphy** was spotted by many at California Adventure. "Eddie Murphy was awesome. He wasn't stuck-up like some rich stars. He offered to take a group picture, and that was really awesome," said freshman **Jon Tangen**. Pictured are freshmen **Brett Newendorp**, **Derek Roorda** and **Phil Davidson**.



Arriving in California was new and exciting. Students were taken on a tour of Hollywood and Beverly Hills. "We were tired from flying, so we all wanted to go to our hotel rooms. Instead, we took a tour of Hollywood. I enjoyed seeing the Hollywood sign, the palm trees and the mountains," said junior **Nicole Verhey**.

Santa Monica Beach and Pier brought a lot of beach fun time. Many were adventurous enough to plunge into the cold water. While several brought along swimsuits, some even dived into the water with their clothes on. "Seeing the ocean for the first time was incredible. Even though I didn't have my swimsuit, I realized I might never come back to the beach again, so I went swimming," said sophomore **Jill Van Vark**.



The long and busy week slowly drained the energy of the students.

Waking up at 3:30 a.m. for the Rose Bowl Parade was a hard thing to do. Students took the opportunity to sleep on the bus or in the airplane while some slept wherever and whenever they could. "The trip was a lot of fun, but it was really tiring because of the tight schedule. It was hard for me to get up early after little sleep caused by my crazy roommates," said senior **Jaimie Fuller**.



The Marching Dutch made their second appearance in the Rose Bowl Parade after having debuted there in 1988. "Before the parade, I was anxious and nervous. As soon as we started marching, the joy of being there was exhilarating," said junior **Stephen Meyer**.

SPEAK OUT!

During the trip, seven people became ill, and some were even taken to the local hospital to get tested for strep throat. Sophomore **April Stursma** dislocated her right kneecap on a ride at California Adventure and her left kneecap on the airplane on the way home. "The first time I dislocated my kneecap, I was quite embarrassed because I didn't want to make a scene. It was very painful. I got lots of nicknames from it, too - Gimp, Gimper, Gimpy, etc. People I didn't even know had a name for me. People were also placing bets that I would be 'down' by the first block in the parade, but I made it all the way through. I'm still waiting for them to give me my money," said **Stursma**.



Rose
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Jim Emmert



Sam Reicks



Joseph Goodyk



Matt Terlouw



Jessica Rietveld, Liesel Schroder



Yupeng Jin



Andy Versluys



Dan DeHaan, Ashley Braun



Katelyn DePenning



Colorguard

Children's Dreams, Wishes and Imagination

BAND'S DREAMS COME TRUE

Luisa Orticelli

They arrived at the Des Moines Airport on Dec. 27 with anxious looks on their faces. The Marching Dutch returned seven days later, some with suntans and all filled with memories from their time in California performing in the 114th Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena.

After the four-hour trip there, the first time flying for many, the sight-seeing began. The contingent visited many sights, including Hollywood, Beverly Hills and Farmer's Market. They also experienced California Adventure and Universal Studios. The band marched in the Electric Light parade at California Adventure.

The group also watched the pro-

duction of "A Glory of Christmas" at Crystal Cathedral.

The day of the five-and-a-half mile parade finally came. The crowd was estimated at 1 million including 80 million people watching the parade on TV and 350 million worldwide.

After the parade, the rest of the day was spent resting, watching parade reruns and hanging out with friends in the hotel.

"Staying with my friends in California was really fun. We had a lot of fun hanging out in the hotel. We played a prank on some girls, and they got us

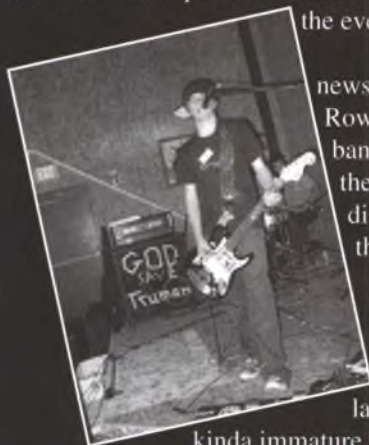
back. But, before we left, we played one last prank, so let's just say that we won the war," said freshman **Joel Weiler**.

The Marching Dutch had one last chance to perform their 2002 routine in front of the Pasadena College audience. All parade bands performed

there as well. "I thought it was exciting to perform our routine one last time before I graduated in a place I'll never forget," said senior **Amber Seekamp**.

BATTLE OF ISH, Truman take the stage THE BANDS

Can two bands survive in the same school? Many students asked themselves that question while they waited and wondered as the events of Sept. 21 unraveled.



The school was brimming with news of ISH playing at Smokey Row Friday night. Posters of the band had been plastered all over the building, but they began to disappear or were covered with the word "Truman".

Seniors **Ashley Sample** and **Mary Hiemstra** giggled over the signs. **Sample** said, "When I first saw the signs, I laughed. Now I see that it was kinda immature but really funny."

Soon, little was left of ISH's advertisements. Junior **Ryan Boswell**, lead singer for ISH, chuckled about this phenomenon with other members of the band - (senior) **Dan De Haan** and (junior) **Izaak Holt**. "I thought it was hilarious. It made us look better," were their retorts.

That night, fans packed themselves into Smokey Row to see the first live, full-length performance of ISH. Many new songs, as well as renditions of other artists' songs, were sung, each applauded by the audience. As the band was wrapping up, a little ditty was begun as their revenge against Truman.

Truman has been together for two years and had their first public performance at the Pella Community Center when two band members - **Chris Lyng** and **Joe Le May** - were eighth graders. Truman didn't want to be left on the outside looking in, so the band launched themselves into the public's eye once again at Ace's Teen Center, Newton.

LeMay, pictured above, a vocalist for Truman, was positive about their performance.

"I thought the show at Ace's was cool. We played pretty well even though it was sort of a small crowd," said **Le May**.

The 'battle' continued as the new year began. ISH recorded their first CD (nine tracks) in January at **Matt Bell's** Lake Shore Studio. Truman remained in the race with a CD cut previously in a home recording session.



♦**SMASHING**. Junior **Izaak Holt** keeps the beat at Third Reformed Church when ISH opened for **John Reuben**. "Our show felt like the first 'real' concert since we were on an actual stage. We were nervous but the show went really well," said **Holt**.

♦**JAMMIN'**. Truman plays it up at Ace's Teen Center in Newton Nov. 9. "I thought it was especially cool because my hand started bleeding, so people thought we were hard core!" said freshman **Joe LeMay**.

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Chris Lyng



Lindsay Graham, Izaak Holt, Dan DeHaan



Phil Davidson



Dan DeHaan



Truman Fans



Joe LeMay



ISH Fans



Lindsay Graham



Luke Rauch



Ryan Boswell

❖**STRUGGLES.** Performing at Central College was a learning experience for ISH as there were several sound crew and effects problems. "Central was really difficult for our band. We had many problems which caused us to be at each others' throats. But we learned that we need to go into a performance with a positive attitude," said junior **Lindsay Graham**.



Junior **Darvin Graham** tells all on Truman



Senior **Kendra Bouwers** goes in-depth about ISH

He
Said

She
Said

Truman or ISH...

"... I enjoy watching their music grow. Also because I love watching Luke cut loose on the drums."

"Their music is awesome! I love their style and sound..."

Favorite Song...

"Grandpa's Cigar Box. Their intro has this crazy awesome drum beat, and it is a little harder than the other songs."

"Airplane Girl is my favorite because it just is. It's just kinda different."

What would you pay for a cd?

"...Around five dollars."

"I would probably pay \$14-\$15"

Junior
Darvin Graham

Senior
Kendra Bouwers

Bands
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YOU
EITHER
LOVE IT...



"I have a lot of friends in band, and we all are going to California together."

Ryan Boswell
Junior

OR

LEAVE IT...



"Band is pretty fun, but the worst part is going outside when it is so cold."

Erika TerLouw
Freshman



Percussion was a huge part of the Marching Dutch. The song "Jungle Drums" involved different percussion and front line instruments. The sounds made a distinct and unique attribution to the show. "We worked really hard this year as a section and I think it really paid off. We had a successful season," said **Ryan TerLouw**, senior.



The drum majors, seniors **Ashley Braun**, **Chris Boeyink**, and **Sarah Gilpin**, perform their annual salute at the Perry vs. Pella football game. The drum majors directed the Marching Dutch throughout the season. "The music for the show was very challenging, and everyone worked hard to nail it down. The season was very fulfilling, and it was exciting to be a drum major," said **Braun**.



A small ensemble formed of select alto saxophones, trumpets, trombones, clarinets, flutes, and melaphones played during most of the Marching Dutch's second song. They received an outstanding caption award at Valleyfest for their playing. "It was good because we didn't have to march for a whole song," said **Kellee Van Hemert**, junior.



The colorguard endured many obstacles with five new members of six participating in the rifles and seven of 21 in the flags. The girls worked hard to keep up with the rest of the members. "It was a struggle with all the new members at the beginning of the year, but by the end it all came together. I was really fortunate to be one of the captains this year," said **Tera Behning**, senior.

Playing effortlessly during the performance at Valleyfest is freshman **Katelyn Dingeman**. "It was awesome finding out all the best awards going to us, especially the percussion a couple of times. It was a very fun year," said **Dingeman**.

SPEAK
OUT!

For the first time in 20 years, the Iowa High School Music Association's State Marching Band Contest was not held in Pella. Superintendent **Mark Wittmer** made the decision after the field was damaged because of the rain and marching on it. The home advantage had been very convenient for the Marching Dutch and their parents. "It was disappointing and frustrating to have to travel to Eddyville for the state competition. Having the competition in Pella helped us relax for the more important show at Ankeny. It's always disappointing when the administration favors a place over a group of people," said **Chris Boeyink**, senior.



Marching
Band
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Lindsay Graham



Guy Blair



Izaac Holt



Jeff Dole



Ashley Braun



All Fall the Marching Dutch concentrated on...

STAYIN' IN STEP

• Sara Steenhock

Getting up at 6:30 a.m. every day and spending practices in crucially hot or bitterly cold weather wasn't exactly how everyone would like to spend their mornings. However, it paid off as the band placed in every competition.

This year's show reflected Spanish tradition. Each song had a unique attribute, whether the focus was on the drumline or a small ensemble.

"The difficulty level of this year's show was greater than any of our past shows, both in design and music. The music of **Composer Ernesto Lecuona** was challenging and delightful," said Director **Guy Blair**.

The Marching Dutch had a successful season winning two firsts, one

second, and a Division I rating at Davis County, Valley, Ankeny and in state competition at Eddyville.

Senior Jeff Dole shared his thoughts after a performance.

"As we left the field and the brilliance of the lights, I believe everyone was very satisfied, I think we all let our pride shimmer through and were pleased with the great path that we had left," said **Dole**.

The marching season didn't end with the last competition in October.

After the 'regular' season ended, the band continued to prepare for the Rose Bowl Parade trip with two indoor practices scheduled at Central College.

Davis County

1st Overall
Marching Band
Outstanding
Colorguard, 3A only
Outstanding Drumline
Outstanding
Field Commanders

Valleyfest Showdown

1st, Class B
Best Colorguard
Best Drumline
Best Musical
Ensemble
Best Marching and
Execution
Best Hornline

Iowa Band

Championships-
Eddyville
Division I Rating

Ankeny Mid-Iowa
Band Championships
2nd, 3A

Sophomore **Megan Renaud** performs her rifle routine at the Pella vs. Perry game. Renaud joined colorguard this year. "Performing with

rifles was nerve wracking, but after our first performance, it became a lot easier and overall, was a ton of fun," said **Renaud**.



Janelle Bollard



Beth Jones



Derek Groenendyk, Josiah Carter



Blaire Ver Hoef, Dylan Ver Hoef



Alison Mason

Marching
Band
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STICKING TOGETHER

Quality time builds bonds

"You should be able to trust friends with anything and be able to confide in them. That's why I've chosen the friends that I have," said junior **Dustin Pitt**.

Over the

years, people made and lost many friends. Losing a friend could have its ups and downs.

"These past two years, I had a lot of different friends, but the ones that I depended on the most were **Rachel (Shaw)** and **Kassie (Sneller)** who stuck by me when I needed their help. I knew I could always count on them," said sophomore

Crystal Elsloo.

Everyone needed someone to lean on and to confide in. True friends were there no matter what - sticking up for their friends in the hallway, being there when their friends were feeling lonely, or just lending an ear.

"Whenever I had problems at home or wherever, I'd just go and hang out with my friends. They helped me forget everything that was bothering me and would help me sort out what I needed to do to solve it. That meant a lot to me and I'm lucky to have the friends that I do," said freshman **Phil Davidson**.

Occasionally friends got into fights. Talking about it could resolve the problem. After making up, sometimes, friends became closer than before.

"I loved spending time with my friends. We did get into fights, but eventually, whether it was that same day or later, we ended up making-up and hanging out. All of my friends were a lot of fun to be with, and I knew I could always count on them to be there when I needed help or needed someone to talk to," said freshman **Hillary Van Horn** (right) pictured above with friend, freshman **Brenna Boat** (left).

•Kassie Sneller



♦**MODERN MATRIX.** Seniors **Jeff Dole** and **Chris Boeyink** mess around during the Rose Bowl Trip to California. Regarding the move **Boeyink** used against him, **Dole** said "I just told him his mom was hot." ♦**LOUNGING AROUND.** Sophomores **Crystal Elsloo** and **Rachel Shaw** kick back at the Excit-A-Bowl waiting for their turn to bowl. "I personally think bowling for school is stupid if we have to pay, but spending the time with my close friends turned it into a positive experience," said **Shaw**.

Friends
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Zach VanHorn,
Brittany McCulla



Scott Ewell,
Aaron Bloodsworth



Freshman Girls



Bryce Steenhoek, Mike Salz



Senior girls



❖**DOG PILE.** Seniors **Billy Fox** and **Luke Ballenger** wrestle with some puppies at classmate **Scott Ewell's** house. "Some friends and I went over to **Scott's** house after he broke his leg. Luke and I started messing with their dogs. We've been friends since kindergarten and are rooming together next year at UNI," said **Fox**.



Seniors **Ben Bollard** and **Stuart Steenhoek** collaborate together at a Knowledge Bowl conference.



Juniors **Angela LoThi** and **Rachel Barnes** celebrate at a New Year's Eve party in December 2002.

He
Said

She
Said

Bad Times...

"It's hard to find true friends; some people find pleasure in making your life miserable."

Freshman
Nate Voelker

"I've chosen friends that I can trust. Before I've had friends that would be the total opposite of what a true friend would do."

Sophomore
Kara Fillmore

Good Times...

"Friends are people you can have good times with and actually want to spend time with."

Sophomore
Austin Ewell

"On the weekends, I can't wait to get off work to hang out with my friends. They're awesome to be with."

Junior
Lacey Malek

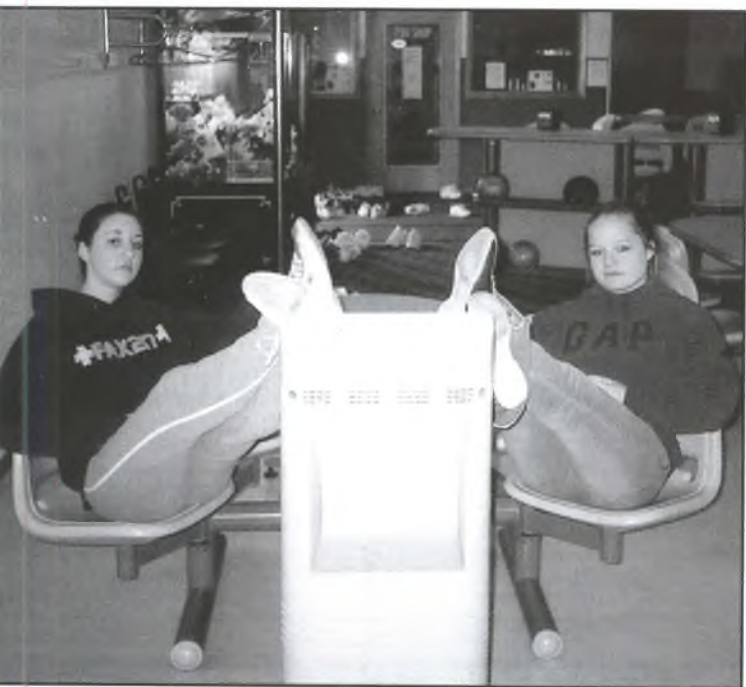
Definition of friends...

"I'm not into friendship; I'm into 'girlfriendship'."

Junior
John Shaw

"A friend is someone you can trust with everything and still have fun with."

Senior
Elizabeth Garrard



Danielle Brillhart,
Erin Sokol



Chris Shrout, Tyler Cowman



Kayla Lewis,
Alyssa Haman



Richard Spierenburg,
Alison Corbett



Savannah Veenstra,
Amber Seekamp

PUMPING Students tone-up in weight room IRON

Guys show off their muscles by wearing cut off t-shirts while girls flaunt their toned bodies by wearing fitting clothing after weight room workouts begin to pay off.



Students were found in the weight room before, during and after school. Many lifted weights to prepare themselves for sports while some lifted during P.E. or personal fitness as a contact class.

"Lifting helped my performance in basketball as well as in physical activities," said sophomore **Austin Ewell**, left.

Students who did not participate in organized school athletics still spent time in the weight room building their

strength and staying fit.

"Even though I wasn't in sports, I still liked the fact that we had the choice to use the aerobic room during gym," said junior **Stephanie Kindred**.

Males were not the only ones working on their muscles. Freshman **Megan Renaud** liked to lift weights after school to help her in her sports activities.

"I liked lifting after school because it was my off season and gave me the time to prepare for softball this summer," said **Renaud**.

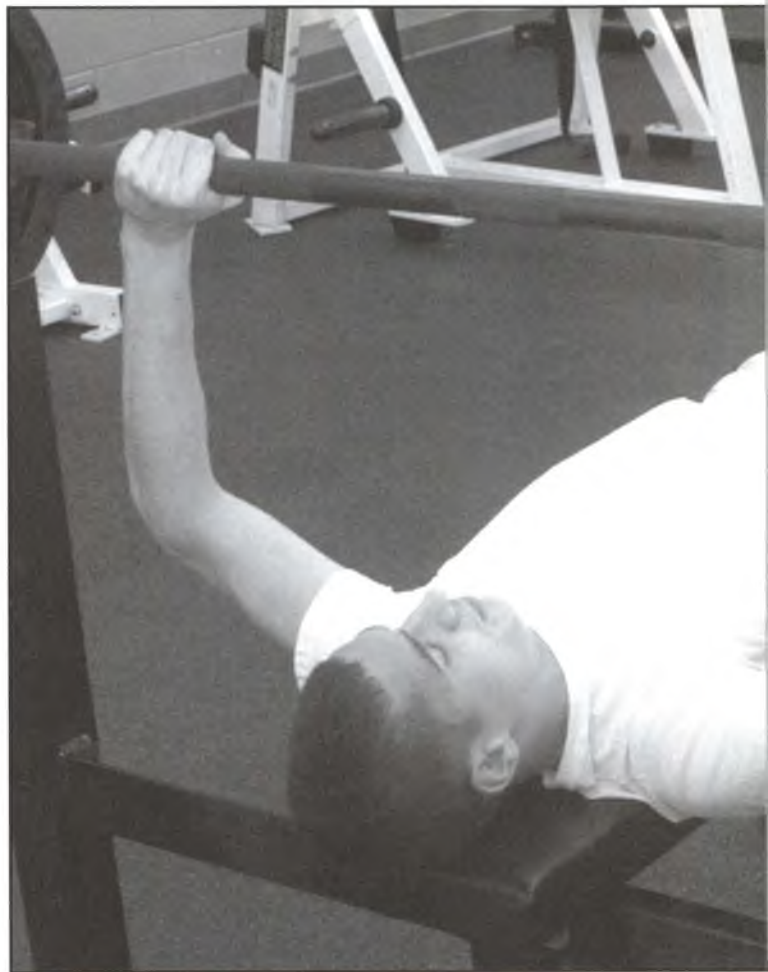
Lifting wasn't very effective to overall health without physical activity. Some students incorporated running into their programs.

"Lifting and running were both ways I could get into shape and sculpt my bod. It helped to relieve anger and got me fit at the same time," said junior **Joe Burch**.

Many students asked P.E. teacher **Corey Thorson** for different programs that would help them stay on track. Junior **Lara VanWyk** used one of the many programs that was offered to students.

"I really liked **Mr. Thorson's** lifting program because he really worked with me to make sure I was doing it correctly, and it really helped me out. I didn't like doing hang cleans though, so I skipped it," said **VanWyk**.

•**Jordy Bloodsworth**



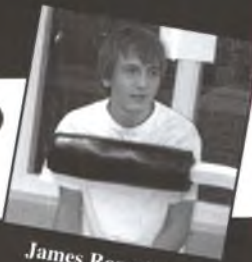
❖**DEFINED**. Senior **Ryan Terlouw** lifts after school. "I lift to get huge. The female type really dig the nice bod," said **Terlouw**.

❖**TONED**. "Personal fitness has helped me to realize the importance of a balanced diet and body training," said junior **Michelle Dykstra** who lifted during personal fitness to stay toned.

Weight
Lifting
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Emily Goodyk



James Rozenboom



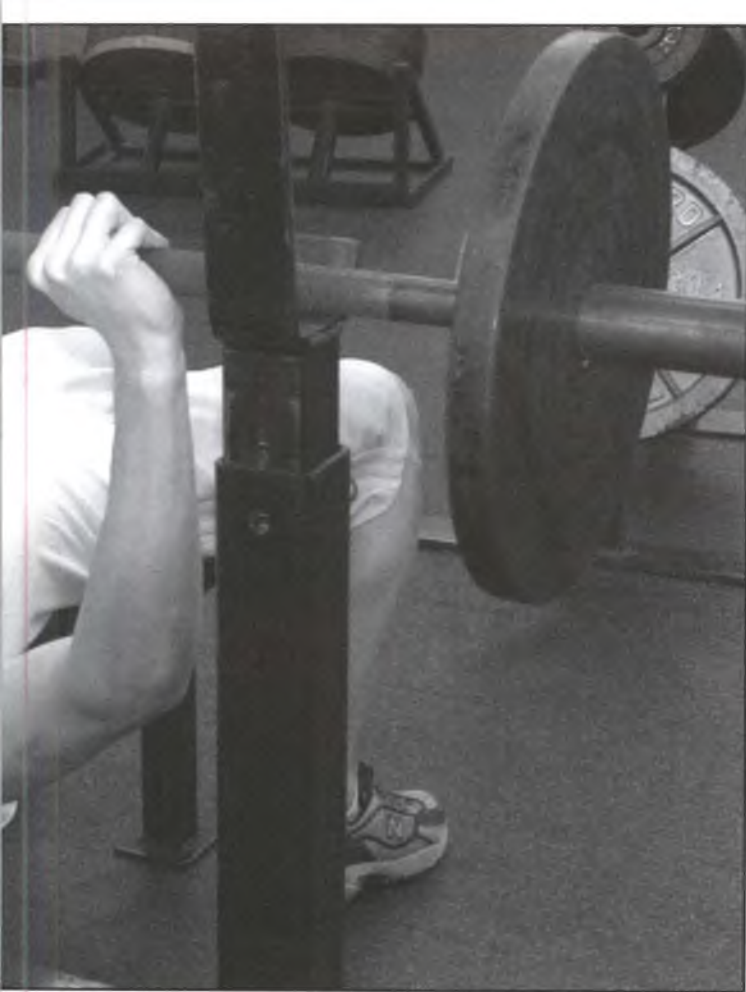
Hannah Smith



Joel Weiler



Brian Boat



❖**ARGGGH.** Senior **Adam Chenoweth** gets his weightlifting done after school to help his performance in cross country. "Weight lifting helped me train for sports, and the ladies like it, too," said **Chenoweth**.



Sophomore **Adam Zemanek** lifted during his P.E. class to build muscle and become stronger.



Senior **Amy Cline** worked out during personal fitness to strengthen her abs.

*He
Said*

*She
Said*

Enhances your physique...

"I noticed before I started lifting I had no girls, and four months into lifting girls flocked to be by my side."

Junior
John Shaw

"I'm not one of those muscular girls, I just lifted after school to tone."

Freshman
Ashley Willemsen

Your own program....

"I made up my program with help from my coaches to help me get ready for soccer."

Junior
Louis VanderStreek

"I have my own program that my dad and I put together two years ago for swimming."

Junior
Emily Bensink

Why you lift....

"Lifting enhances your performance in sports and impresses the ladies as well."

Sophomore
Hayes McCurry

"I lifted because I'm whippy, and I need to get stronger for soccer."

Sophomore
Lisa Jaarsma



Tonna Phiv



Aaron Corbin



Matt Redding



Mike Van Dusseldorp



Megan Renaud

YOU EITHER

LOVE IT...



"Being in the play helped improve my acting. I finally got a dramatic role. This was truly one of the best plays I've acted in."

Toney Chem
Junior

OR

LEAVE IT...



"As girly as it sounds, it's a fact that all male actors secretly enjoy wearing make-up. What? They don't? It's just me? Cripes!"

Lech Harris
Senior



Studying hard to get it just right, seniors **Katie Kniff** (Elizabeth Proctor) and **Kyle Simpson** (John Proctor) put their heads together at play practice. "It was my first year being in the all-school play, and I had a lot of fun. We worked really hard, and it was an awesome show," said **Kniff**. **Simpson** shared her beliefs. "Everyone made it a priority and everything just fell together," said **Simpson**.

Director **Steven Woolery** feels the intensity as he watches the story unfold. "The Crucible" was **Woolery's** fourth all-school play in Pella. "Considering the volume of lines in the play and the number of actors, it went really very well. I was really pleased with the cast I had assembled," **Woolery** said.



Even though only a few cast members showed up to help paint, senior **Gaoder Vue** does her best to get the set ready for the big night. "Creating the set has always been a really fun experience. I only wish more people had shown up this year," said **Vue**. Senior **LaCosta Goos** also helped. "It (set building) created a lot of memories, and it was a great time for the cast to just hang out and have fun," said **Goos**.

Behind the scenes, the light and sound technicians work hard to make the play spectacular. Senior **Dan Hunt** said, "Although there were a few problems getting all the mics to work, it turned out to be a great time because I got to watch the play like 200 times for free!" **Hunt** was a sound technician all four years of high school.



John Proctor (senior **Kyle Simpson**) wildly yells at his servant **Mary Warren** (senior **Anna Whatling**), shortly after Elizabeth his wife was arrested. "During the first performance when **Kyle** threw me down, I hit my head on the table. It really hurt, but it added to the effect of the scene," said **Whatling**.

SPEAK OUT!

Being backstage during the play is dull for many cast members, but seniors **William Van Weelden** and **Lech Harris** make the best of a boring situation. "It was fun backstage. There were oodles of hubbub and general tomfoolery. It was like being at the Lech Harris household or a talk show," said **Van Weelden**. His mischievous counterpart in the general horseplay, **Harris**, added, "Being backstage was a madcap caper. I enjoyed every minute of it!"



Play
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Anna Whatling



Lech Harris



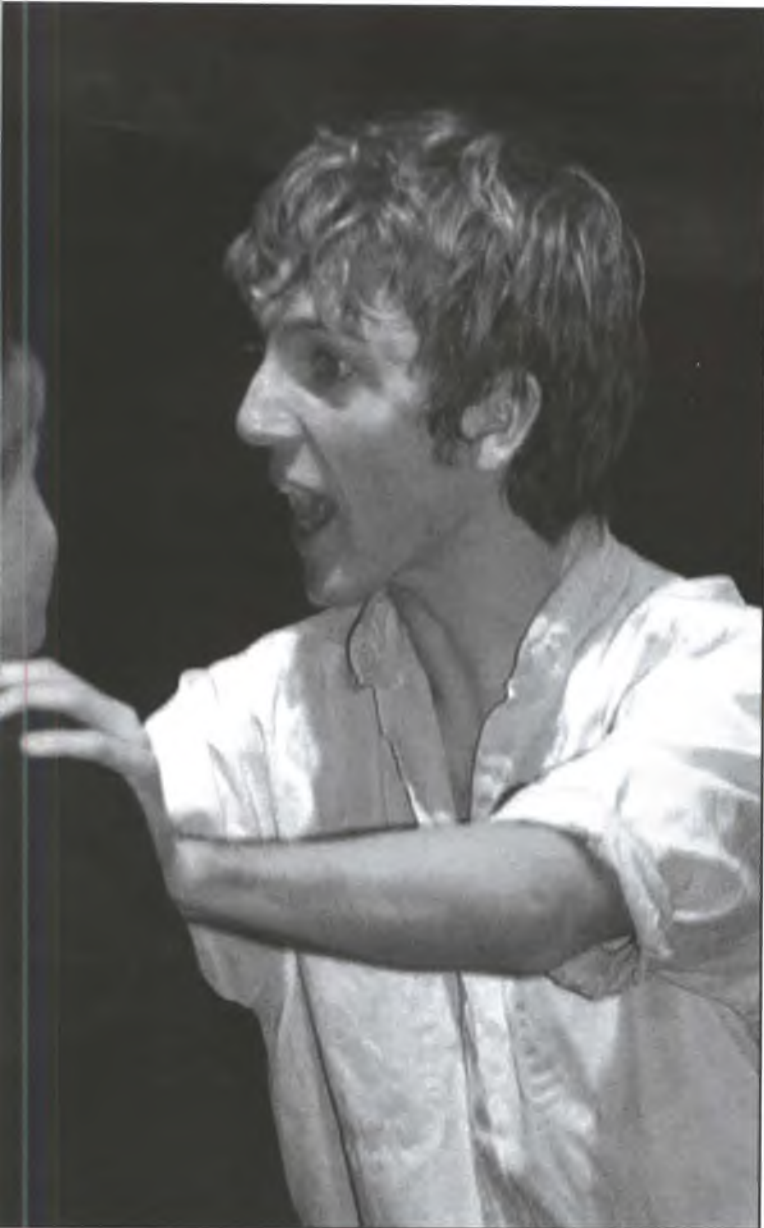
LaCosta Goos



Oakley Klein



Richard Spierenburg



The Crucible brings witch trials to life again

WITCHERY HITS PELLA

•Catie Beck

A Puritan village with underlying problems, a troubled teen with an eye for a married man, and children together erupted to create the unforgettable events of a century and material for the all-school play. "The Crucible," performed Oct. 31 and Nov 2, and directed by **Steven Woolery**, centered around the Salem Witch Trials.

The opening scene introduced Abigail Williams (senior **Samantha Mc Curry**) a girl set on ridding John Proctor (senior **Kyle Simpson**) of his wife Elizabeth Proctor (senior **Katie Kniff**).

"Playing (Abigail) was a stretch for me. An evil character is different. They're always hiding something,

so it was hard to put a part of me into the character," said **Mc Curry**.

Things got hectic when Abigail led the the children in accusing Christian women of witchery. Once Elizabeth was accused, Proctor and other husbands banded together to save their wives.

Judge Hawthorne, senior **Dan De Haan**, and Deputy-Governor Danforth (senior **Lech Harris**) ruled over the trials and condemned anyone the children blamed for their afflictions.

Senior **Jason Laverman** said he really enjoyed watching the show.

"I really liked the ending. I found it ironic, the evil people

were saved and good people killed," said **Laverman**.



"I loved my part as Tituba. I got to let it all go on stage and act crazy."

Amy Cline,
Senior

With the outrage, terror, and suspense, it is no wonder why the Court Scene was a favorite with both audience and cast. Senior **Steven Vander Linden** was thrilled

with the acting. "With the girls screaming and being witched, it shows the professional level the play came to. I'm thankful for being able to perform with such a group as this," said **Vander Linden**.



Steven Vander Linden, Kendra Bouwers



Steven Woolery



Anna Whatling



Chris Wills, Katie Kniff



Cassie Boertje

FAMILY

Students enjoy time together

TIES

Defining a "normal" family ... impossible. Spending time with the members of that family ... challenging.

For most students, creating family time while in high school became challenging. Junior **Kendi Beyer** found it important to make time for her family each week.

"My family and I usually spent time together when we went to church on Wednesdays and Sundays," said **Beyer**.

Eating dinner together was something that many families tried to do at least once a week.

"When I spent time with my family, we always enjoyed eating supper or lunch together and watching movies," said senior **Scott Mendell**.

Sisters (senior) **Kara** and (sophomore) **Crystal Elsluo**, above, enjoyed spending time with their dad, **Dave**.

"I lived with my dad and sister, and we spent time together by eating supper and going out to eat," said **Kara**.

No family functioned the same way. Sometimes parents were away on business trips. Junior **Lauren Birkel**'s family found a way to turn that into a positive thing.

"My dad was gone the entire month of January. To spend time together, we took days off school and met up with him in Las Vegas. I liked short family vacations because then we don't get so tired of each other!" said **Birkel**.

When families were together a lot, many noted that seeing each other every day could cause arguments.

"I grew up fighting with my sister (**Kelsey**) like all siblings. When she went off to college, I didn't have to see her all of the time, and we got along better. However, we still occasionally fought when we visited each other," said junior **Rachel Barnes**.

•Ashley Heisdorffer



♦**WORKING TOGETHER.** Senior **Katie Overbergen** helps her mom, **Janet**, set the dinner table. "The time I spend with my mom was really special, even if it was just setting the table together," said **Overbergen**. ♦**PLAYING GAMES.** Senior **Brittany McCulla**, far right, spends time with her dad, **Greg**, as they play a board game together. "We liked to play games a lot; it was a way to spend time and have fun together," said **McCulla**.

Families
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Kassie, Casey, and
Brenda (mom) Sneller



Vance Schuring,
Rick Schuring



Klayton Korver,
Lindsay Korver



Micah Kraayenbrink,
Heather Kraayenbrink



Sophie Linn,
Jesse Linn



❖IN DEPTH. Senior **Annie Carlson** enjoyed spending time talking with her mom **Kim** about the things that went on in their lives. "We've been through a lot together, and it's made us grow closer together," said **Carlson**.



French instructor **Chris Sand** spends quality time with his daughter, **Emma**.



Junior **Angela LoThi** enjoys getting a piggyback ride from her brother, **Pom Lovan**.

He
Said

She
Said

Good Times...

"Some good times my family and I share together would have to be the vacations we go on each year."

Freshman
Ross Langel

"The best times my family and I have spent together would be all the vacations we've gone on."

Junior
Erin Sokol

Bad Times....

"The worst thing my family and I experienced was when my brother, Scott, got into an accident. It was hard on the whole family."

Sophomore
Austin Ewell

"When my uncle and grandpa died two months apart; it became very hard on the whole family."

Senior
Amber Seekamp

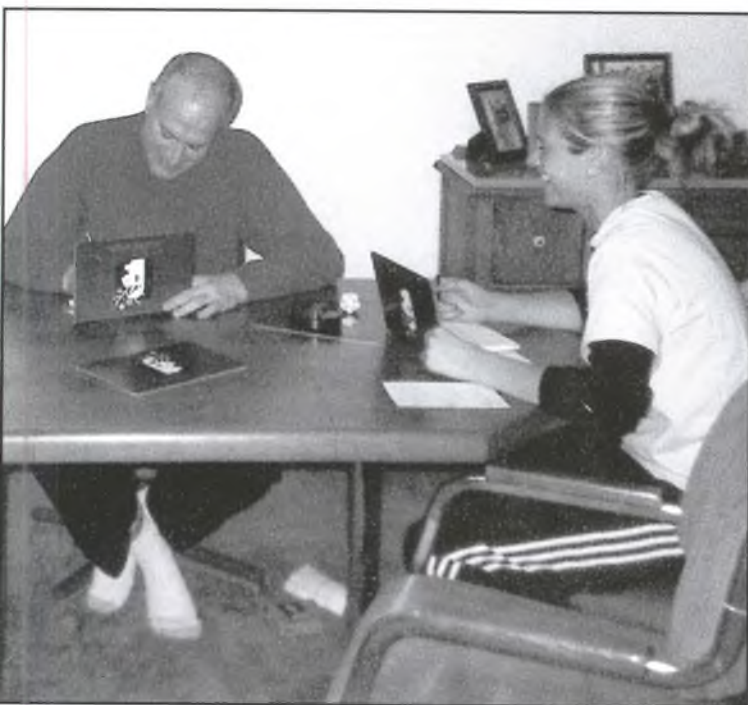
Family Times...

"When my siblings are home from college, my whole family goes to a movie and out to eat together."

Freshman
Joseph Goodyk

"When my family and I spend time together, we usually just sit around and watch TV. We also tend to eat a lot of food."

Freshman
Megan Renaud



Sonya, Josh, Leah Ravenstein



Sara Steenhoek, Shannon Steenhoek



Aleisha Brummel, Diana Brummel



Jon Birkel, Nick Birkel



Dawn, John, John Shaw

BEST FRIENDS

Pets fill spaces in students' lives

From dogs and cats to horses and pigs, students owned a variety of pets. Not only did they keep you company and safe, they also were your best friend.



Senior **Ashley Postma**, left, said her dog, Pepper, had changed her life for the better.

"The first time I saw her, I fell in love with her. She's grown really close to me, and she's just the sweetest thing ever," said **Postma**.

Many students have grown up with a pet throughout most of their adolescent lives.

"I've had my dog for seven years. He's one of the coolest dogs. He's like my good friend," said freshman **Matt Kelly**.

On the contrary, many students became first-time pet owners. After feeding them and cleaning up their messes, students realized the many responsibilities that came with pets.

"The dang dog kept peeing on my carpet!" said sophomore **Drew Ryken** about his pet.

Losing a pet could be very hard. Students developed relationships with their pets throughout the time with them, but when it was the pet's "time to go", students reacted as if the pets were another person.

"It was very hard to lose my dog, Brittany. She was a very cute dog, and everyone loved her. Brittany played a big role in my family. I'll miss her very much," said freshman **Dustan Carr**.

Some went all out for their pets. Pets got spoiled just like children with everything from a huge bed to all the extravagant toys.

"We spoil my dog. She got her three walks a day along with her own pillow at the end of my bed," said Counselor **Brian Huddle**.

•Jaimie Fuller



♦**UP UP AND AWAY.** Senior **Jill Garvey** and her horse, Scottish Lyric, run for one of the top positions at the Longview Horse Trials. **Garvey** finished fourth of 16. "I love eventing because it really gets a horse and rider in tune with each other," said **Garvey**.

♦**DOWN BOY.** Junior **John Shaw** spends his spare time teasing his dog, Jake. "I was teaching my dog to be a killer. Little did I know he would grow up to be the stupidest coolest dog ever," said **Shaw**.



Alicia Thomas, Sandy



Billy Fox, puppy



Lauretta MacCreedy,
Stoshimo



Brandi Wence, Alyoisus



Dolly Adam, Chaos



❖GETTING A CLOSER LOOK. Senior **Jessica Boertje** has spent most of her life raising and breeding horses. "I've been raising ponies for a little over nine years now and every year, I still get excited over the new babies! They are all so cute!" said **Boertje**.



Senior **Dustin Eick** and his nine-month-old Pug dog, **Emmie**, kick back and watch some television together.



Junior **Kristin VanZee** cuddles with her dog, **Sadie**. **VanZee** shares ownership of **Sadie** with boyfriend, **Dustin Kuhl**.

He
Said

She
Said

On cats vs. dogs...

"If I had to pick, I would go with dogs. Cats can be boring. It's better to have a meaty animal."

Junior
Alex Schuring

"I would probably chose cats. They aren't that messy. Plus they're sweeter than dogs."

Freshman
Chelsea VandeLune

On losing a pet...

"I had a dog that died when I was younger. I was sad for a while, but I got a new dog a couple of weeks later."

Sophomore
Kyle Oppenhuizen

"My dog ran away cause it doesn't like me!"

Sophomore
Madi VanHaaften

On unique pets...

"I had two anolls and they were pretty good pets. I had them until they died and were ate by its own meal worms."

Senior
Adam Moore

"I have a deer that 'chills' in my backyard to hide from mean hunters. I leave her a big sugar block to eat."

Sophomore
Bobbi VanZante



Paige McGriff, Squeeks



Rachel Shaw, Mourine



Dak Rasmussen's cats



Jaimie Fuller, Mario



Alli Linn, Kita

MAKING

Couples make time together

MEMORIES

For many couples, spending time and holidays together was a time they anticipated. It was, however, hard to celebrate such important

events when that special someone didn't live in the same town. That happened for many reasons, like having a significant other attending a college. Senior **Katie Overbergen**, left with graduate **Austin Vander Linden**, has had to deal with a college relationship for the first time.

"I spent a lot of time with him during the weekend; it was basically the only time we got to spend together, so it was very special. We had been going out

for two-and-one-half years, and when he left for college, it was really difficult to deal with. I just looked forward to every Friday when I got to see him next," said **Overbergen**.

An experience like this had its advantages.

"I used to see **T.J. (Phillips)** a lot, but then I didn't get to see him for three weeks. Going through that time was very hard for both of us. It made us stronger, because whenever I did get to see him, I was just that much more excited to see him," said sophomore **Kassie Sneller**.

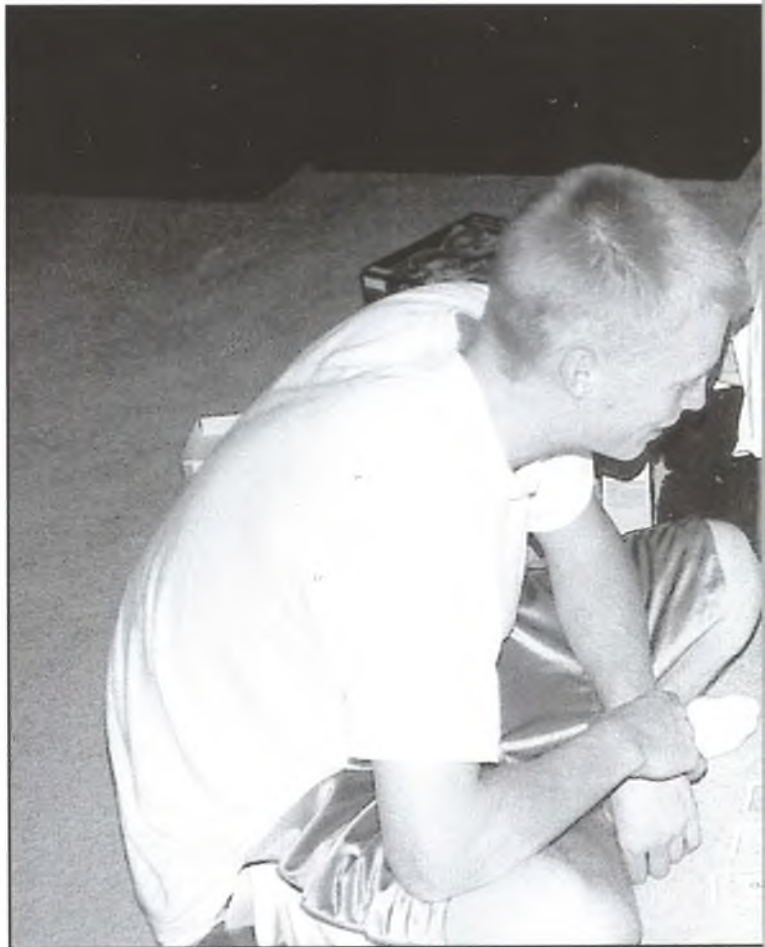
Distance played a big part in a relationship based around college, and it determined how much time couples got to spend together.

"**Joy (De Haan)** went to Dordt, and we worked it out by seeing each other once every other week. It was very difficult, but it was certainly possible for any couple," said senior **Adam Whitehead**.

The cost of traveling to see that significant other began to add up. Senior **Matt Lahvic** traveled to see his girlfriend **Rachel Nichols** in Lovilla.

"Long distance relationships were hard, but the time and the gas money was worth it," said **Lahvic**.

•Rachel Shaw



♦**TOTALLY COMPLETE.**Sophomores **Drew Ryken** and **Skyler Doberneck** sit in study hall hitting the books together. "She is my best friend and my girlfriend, and I couldn't ask for more," said **Ryken**. ♦**MESMERIZED.** Freshman **Nikki Halvorsen** and senior **Chris Wills** take a moment at the winter formal to be with one another. "He makes every occasion a little more interesting and a little more fun," said **Halvorsen**.

Dating
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**T.J. Phillips,
Kassie Sneller**



**Robbie Feeney,
Katie Ozinga**



**Lindsay Graham,
Jeff Dole**



**Paige McGriff,
Brad Vaverka**



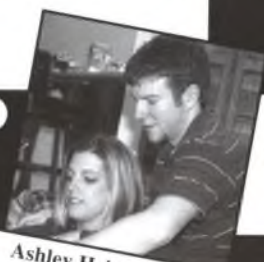
**Eric Harvey,
Lauretta McCreary**



Aaron Bloodworth,
Katie Kniff



Whitney Metcalf,
Tyler Cowman



Ashley Heisdorffer,
Chris Shrout



Senior Nick Mulder and junior Tara Sorensen hang out at Sorensen's house, trying to find something to do.



Senior Brittany McCulla and graduate Matt Melhus wait for a table at a Planet Hollywood in Florida.

He
Said

She
Said

Out-of-town relationships...

"I didn't get to see Renae (Mulder) very often, but it made the time we spent together more special. I also talked to her every night, so that helped."

Sophomore
Ryan Sims

"Having a boyfriend from out of town was a lot of fun because I got to meet a lot of Nick's (Cortez) friends and hang out with them on the weekends."

Junior
Jordy Bloodworth

College Relationships...

"Well, since Marcia (Brown, graduate) goes to Central, it isn't too tough. I still get to see her a lot."

Junior
Brian Melhus

"When Matt (Melhus, graduate) first went to college, it was really hard because I was used to seeing him every day. But, I got used to it, and it gave me something to look forward to on the weekends."

Senior
Brittany McCulla

In-Town Relationships...

"It makes a relationship a lot stronger because you are always around each other, and it makes it easier to work problems out."

Junior
Chris Vos

"It is nice to have your boyfriend in the same town because you get to see each other, but either way, if you are committed to each other, it will work no matter what the circumstances."

Sophomore
Kara Fillmore



Nick Cortez,
Jordy Bloodworth



Adam Vande Voort,
Kara Fillmore

YOU EITHER

LOVE IT...



"Cheering at state was such a blast. It was great being next to the action and cheering the basketball teams on."

Katie Kniff
Senior

OR

LEAVE IT...



"I should have made it to state, but instead I lost in the semifinals to a kid I had beat earlier in the season. I guess it's over now, so I will start preparing for next year."

Joe Burch
Junior



Senior **Jessica Dingeman**, front, performs at Vets Auditorium for State Drill Team. Forté performed military, pom and jazz routines. Pom and military received first place; jazz was second. The girls were excited about the outcome. "Even though it was a long and stressful day, it turned out better than any of us could have ever hoped. I couldn't have asked for a better senior memory," said **Dingeman**.



After fighting through Waverly Shell Rock in the first round and Mt. Vernon in the second round, the defending champs made it to the final game against Harlan. Seniors **Jeff Dole**, **Billy Fox**, **Luke Ballenger** and **Vance Schuring** sign "two" for earning their second state championship in a row. "It was accomplishment at its fullest. We have had this dream for as long as I can remember, and to fulfill it twice is an amazing achievement," said **Dole**.



The state swim meet was held at Fort Dodge. Senior **Nicole Beyer**, right, swam in the 500-yard free, placing 19th. **Beyer** along with teammates junior **Emily Bensink**, **Molly Tomlonvic** (Newton) and **Amanda Wetter** (Pella Christian) placed seventh in the 200-yard free relay. "Just going to state to compete was an achievement, and the hard work was well worth it," said **Bensink**. The team placed ninth overall.



Junior **Whitney Metcalf** and senior **Lindsay Korver** give each other congratulatory hugs after defeating Perry to advance to state. The varsity girls then faced Crestwood-Cresco at state. "Winning the game against Perry was an awesome victory for all of us. I realized that I'd get an opportunity to be with these girls for another two weeks, and I never wanted it to end," said **Metcalf**. The team ended with a 23-3 record, the best record ever for PHS girls' basketball.

Senior **Vance Schuring** hoists assistant boys' basketball coach **Mike Ballenger** into the air for a hug after the buzzer. "One is nice but two is unbelievable. **Mr. Ballenger** has always been there, and it was only right to hug him and him. He is the one that started it, and always been our dream to do this," said **Schuring**.



SPEAK OUT!

Fans packed into the student section at state basketball games. Decorated t-shirts, poms and bandanas were the attire of choice to help support the basketball teams while they competed at state. Freshmen **Sierra Smith** and **Suzanne Wares** show their spirit at the girls' state basketball game against Atlantic. "I had a lot of fun dressing up with my friends and cheering for the basketball teams at state," said **Wares**.

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Pierce Hibma



Courtney Fleenor



Nicole Beyer, Emily Bensink



Vance Schuring



R. Bloodsworth, M. Cowman



T. Marlow, H. Kraayenbrink



Aaron Bloodsworth



T. Veersteg, T. Marlow, T. Sorensen



Naina Barnett



Chris Durham

Athletes feel the pressure when they are...

CHASING A STATE TITLE

•Jordy Bloodsworth

The Dutch are back ... back to back that is! The green-and-white had many teams that made several appearances at state competitions. Hard work, devotion and love gave the Dutch successful finishes.

"As seniors there were great expectations, but these guys loved to compete. To win back-to-back state championships is a testament to their collective wills and competitive nature. I feel blessed to have been given a chance to go along for the ride," said assistant basketball boys' coach **Mike Ballenger**. The Dutch won the 3A State Boys' Basketball Tournament for the second year in a row.

Forté also made their presence at state known. The team won two first

places and one second place in the competition. "Competing was fun and exciting. I really enjoyed seeing all the different styles of dance," said freshman **Kyrsten Klein**.

Over spring break in March, the drill team went to San Antonio, Tex., to compete at nationals. Forté received first in the military routine.

The girls' volleyball team experienced a heartbreaker when they lost to Oskaloosa during the state qualifying match.

"Losing to Oskaloosa the way we did was heartbreaking, as any season-ending loss would be. I probably will never forget the Oskaloosa match, but I

also will never forget the girls I played with," said senior **Tremaine Versteeg**.



"It really was a morale booster knowing we beat Perry, last years champs."

Kristin Van Zee, Junior

The volleyball team huddles up for a pep talk. "Before every game we huddled up at center court. We always pumped each other up, did a cheer,

and then rolled to our positions. It was something we had done since middle school, so it was a special way to start the games," said senior **Lindsay Korver**.

REV Cars play integral roles 'EM UP

Every young adult waited for that one special day that marked freedom from embarrassing car rides with parents. Turning 16 was a milestone. It meant not having mom, dad, brother or sister pick you up and drop you off everywhere you went. However, for the majority of the freshmen, the luxury of a car/license had to wait.



"Without a car and license, I couldn't go anywhere I wanted to go and when I wanted to go there," said freshman **Jason Dole**.

Knowing this weakness in the freshman class, the upper-classmen did not let up.

"It was fun to make fun of the freshmen because they didn't have rides to places," said sophomore **Andrew Bradley**.

Along with an engine, tires, and a hunk of metal, creativity was also included in the mix. Students spiced up their vehicles with dangling dice, bumper stickers and Euro lights. Junior **Danielle Brillhart** decorated her car with colorful beads hung on her rearview mirror (above) and photos of friends and family.

"I got the beads from Claire's and some of the others from Statik. The beads from Claire's glow in the dark, and I think the pictures helped personalize my car," said **Brillhart**.

Others, such as seniors **Scott Mendell** and **Chad deVries**, made their cars unique with their car horns. The horns played the first 12 notes of "Dixie" at 118 decibels.

"Listen for the battle cry of the General Lee," said **Mendell**.

Math teacher **Wade VanVark** made things easier by simply walking to school.

"I would have felt like a lazy bum if I hadn't since I lived so close," said **Van Vark**. Otherwise, the math teacher drove a Dodge Durango.

•Angela LoThi

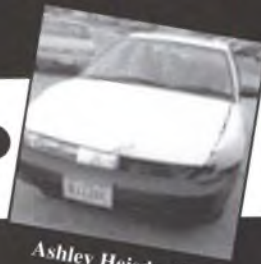


♦**PUMP IT UP**. Senior **Thomas DeKoning** jams to some tunes. **DeKoning's** car stood out from all the others in the senior lot. He created his own masterpiece by painting his dashboard bright green and yellow.

♦**GREASE LIGHTNING**. Changing tires came easy for these two seniors. **Bryan Vander Meiden** works on the lugnuts in home and auto maintenance class while **Adam Whitehead** observes.



Jill VanVark
and her car



Ashley Heisdorffer's
wrecked bumper



Darvin Graham's
license plate



LaCosta Goos'
window sunflower



Adrian Bell's truck



❖**SPOTLESS.** On a cold winter day, senior **Ben Bollard** still finds time to clean his car that he keeps in storage. "I've always wanted a Camaro. At 16, I got my Pontiac 6000. Now that I have both cars, I am storing my Camaro in Otley. Every two weeks or so I try to visit and clean my car," said **Bollard**.



Junior **Stephen Meyer** drives his car with his left hand positioned at the top of the wheel, a position commonly used by males.



Junior **Lauren Birkel** maneuvers her vehicle with both hands positioned on the wheel, a position commonly used by females.

He
Said

She
Said

On Road Rage...

"I am what you call a precision driver. When someone thinks they're tough and tries to pass me, I put the pedal to the metal and cut them off."

Senior
Kevin Van Dyke

"I hate it when people don't use their turning signal and then all of a sudden turn on me...when people drive really slow."

Junior
Brenda Roose

On color...

"I think the best color would be blue because it doesn't look dirty when it actually is. Also, red cars get pulled over more."

Freshman
Kerry Van Hemert

"I like the color red because I think it looks the coolest, and it's really bright."

Sophomore
Brittany VandeVoort

On Street Racing...

"It's fun just as long as you don't get caught, and there are import cars, especially the Acura Integra VTEC dual overhead cam with a shotgun Greddy exhaust."

Sophomore
Addison Baccam

"I wouldn't do it, but it would be fun to watch. I'd be one of the sideline girls like in *'The Fast and the Furious'*."

Freshman
Ashley Willemssen



Eric Pingel's CRX



Rachel Barnes' bumper sticker



Bobbi VanZante's cactus antenna



Kendi Beyer's license plate



Andrea, Curtis Brobsts' car

YOU
EITHER
LOVE IT...



"I liked prom on Saturday because my date had all day to get ready, and I didn't have to miss school for the prom."

Matt Lahvic
Senior

OR

LEAVE IT...



"I would like it better on Friday night because it would give us more time to recuperate."

Adam Moore
Senior



Getting ready for prom only took senior **Tiffany Pol** 90 minutes once she had her hair done. "I got ready with my friend **Sarah Vos** (senior), and we had to hurry because we just got back from the Veishea Parade in Ames," said **Pol**. After getting ready, the two girls had their dates pick them up at **Sarah's** house to go out to eat before prom.



Junior **Andy Hawkins** receives help putting on his boutonniere before prom starts. **Hawkins** and his girlfriend, **Christina Louwsona**, went out to eat before prom. Before doing so, they made a trip to the school. "We went to the school to take pictures. After that we went to Bucca di Beppo with eight other people," said **Hawkins**.



Junior **Ashley Lukens** made a grand entrance into the prom with her date, junior **Cress Van Wyngarden**. "I think the best part of the whole prom were the decorations in the entranceway," said **Lukens**. The couple chose to eat on their own at Dr. Salami's in Pella while most students travel to Des Moines or other surrounding towns to have their meals.

Senior **Adam Whitehead** poses with his fiancée **Joy De Haan** for prom pictures. Students could have formal pictures taken by **Brian Vande Lune**, de Fotograaf, at school, or by **Jeff Bokhoven**, Designer Images, at his studio. "I thought the picture background at the school was really colorful, and it fit the theme perfectly," said **Whitehead**.



Junior **Karen Williams** enters prom with her date, junior **Kyle Eastwood**. "Walking in, I liked the Mardi Gras beads that they (parents) handed out," said **Williams**. The theme, Mardi Gras, was determined by the junior class through popular vote.

SPEAK
OUT!

The major attraction for the prom was the decorations in the entrance way. **Denny and Judy Steenhoek**, **James and Linda Corbett** and **Lowell and Denise Van Wyk** worked on the Mardi Gras sign placed in front of the school.

"I thought the juniors did a good job at decorating, but I think they could've done more. Out of all the things, I thought the Mardi Gras mask outside the school was the best," said senior **Jaci Van Ee**.



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Cassie Boertje, Alex Ung



Cody Boat, Ashley Belloma



Kellee Van Hemert, Ryan Boswell



Lindsay Mc Farland, Tyler Roose



Sarah Van Elsen, Michael Van Dusseldorp



Elements combine as prom goers engage in...

"A NIGHT at MARDI GRAS"

•Ashley Heisdorffer

Mardi Gras came to Pella April 12 as the juniors decorated the school for the junior-senior prom. The juniors, who spent around \$2,300 for the decorations, spent the week before prom decorating. Not only did the juniors decorate, but their parents helped bring everything together.

"Each day we worked on decorations for about three hours. We had to assemble stoplights and graffiti, and later on in the week we built apartments and buildings. The parents did a great job at helping us out," said junior **Danielle Brillhart**.

As a prelude to the dance, promgoers had some sort of pre-prom meal. Senior **Andy Kinne** and his group of 15 others were fortunate to eat where they did.

"We went to Rookies in Waukee. Our group was gathered around, and the owner told us that a man offered to pay for our whole bill, which was around \$125," said **Kinne**.

Others just ate with their dates. Senior **Andrea Brobst** and her date, **D.J. Henle** enjoyed a meal prepared by her dad at her house.

"By having my dad make our meal and eating at home, it saved a lot of money. It was fun just spending time with the two of us," said **Brobst**.

Next came making a grand entrance. As some arrived in limosines others borrowed their parents' cars. "I borrowed my dad's car because it goes really fast and I

wanted to impress my date, (senior)**Ashley Braun**," said senior **Nick Miller**.



"I thought the parents actually did more work than the students."

Junior
Lyndsay Van Maaren

ARRIVING IN STYLE. Senior **Katie Kniff** and nine friends arrive to prom in a limousine. The limo cost them around \$42 each. The group enjoyed arriving at their restaurant, Centro in Des Moines. "Having all our friends in the limo and singing songs before prom started was definitely a time to remember," said **Kniff**.



Sarah Shetterly



Sherri Laughlin



Seamus Turnbull, Brian Boat



Prom Decorations



Ashley Postma

MAKING Saturday prom = mixed reviews CHANGES

"Saturday night's all right," according to the song lyrics, and prom-goers this year found that for the first time ever, it worked well for prom. April 12 also offered perfect weather as the temperatures were in the 70's with plenty of sun.



Some, however, thought prom was the same, whether it was on Friday night or a Saturday night. "I think it eliminated some problems, but at the same time it created more. A lot of students were tired and upset because they couldn't go to church, so it just depends on the type of person you are," said senior **Thomas DeKoning**.

Junior **Christina Clinkenbeard** thought it was better having prom on a Saturday night instead of on a Friday night. "I thought it was more convenient to have prom on Saturday night because that gave people all day to get ready and more people showed up," said **Clinkenbeard**.

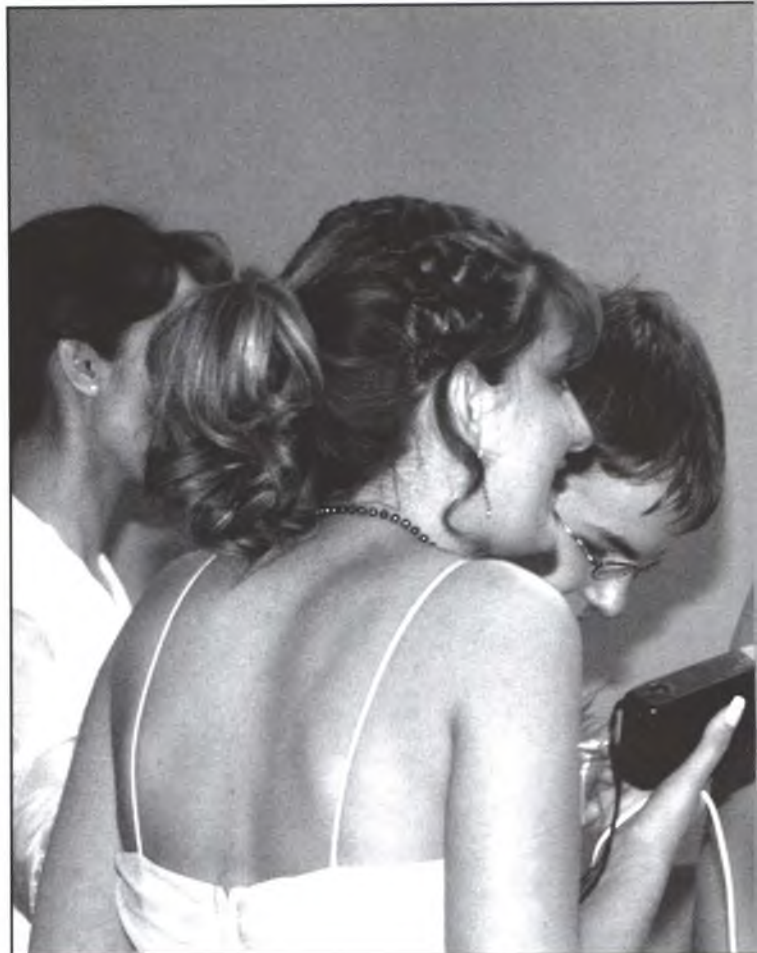
Prom offered a chance to dress up. "I enjoyed being with my friends and **Matt (Synder)** having fun and dancing," said junior **Kelly Eysink** (above) with boyfriend junior **Matt Snyder**.

"It was fun this year since all of my friends were there. I'd have to say the best part of it was when we went out to eat. **Cory Hill** (junior) ended up not having enough money for his meal, but asked me for it. He still owes me 10 of the 20," said junior **Alice Quangvan**. The group ate at Cosi Cucina in Clive.

After prom the students went to the Pella Middle School at midnight, played games till three a.m., and then had a comedian/magician till four a.m. After the comedian/magician the parents announced who won the prizes, including TV's, a futon, X-boxes, DVD players, digital camera, microwave, refrigerator and many more.

"I thought it was fun, but the other two years I went was better because I didn't like the magician/comedian as much," said senior **Katie Overbergen**.

•**Brittany McCulla**



♦**DANCE WITH ME**, Junior **Erin Sokol** and date **James Kaufmen** (graduate of Pella Christian) share a special moment on the dance floor together. ♦**IN THE MOMENT**, Junior **Ashley Orr** and graduate **J.D. Blauw** take time away from dancing for a break and chat.

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Brenna Boat,
Brady Van Vark



Paige McGriff,
Brad Vaverka



Jessica Dingeman,
Michael Trotter



Junior Guys



Mary Beth Van Maanen
Chris Landon



♦GOSSIP. Seniors Sonya Ravestein, Amy Kappel and Elizabeth Garrard gather to talk at prom. The trio came back to school for prom despite completing graduation requirements at semester.



Seniors **Jeff Steenhoek** and **Billi Ellingson** enjoy each other's company while slow dancing.



Junior **Chelsea Freese** lines up with friends while they all get down with the music.

He
Said

She
Said

The D.J....

"The D.J. was a young kid just like us, so at prom he knew what kind of music to play."

Senior
Andrew Kinne

"I wish there had been more slow songs. Next year, I hope I know what music the D.J. is playing."

Junior
April Harvey

Prom...

"The best part about prom was bringing graduate Tony Phillips back to prom."

Senior
Cody Boat

"The best thing for me was seeing everyone dressed (fancy); that was just fun for me because you don't get to see that side."

Junior
Sara Shetterly

After Prom...

"It was all right. The games were o.k., but I was bummed out that I didn't win a prize""

Junior
Cory Hill

"The best part about after prom was the sumo-wrestling. Senior **Liz Garrard** and I did that, and I won."

Senior
Jessica Beranek

EXPRESSING YOURSELF

Pastimes offer alternatives

Singing, dancing, collecting and sports were all a part of what students did when they wanted to have fun and enjoy themselves. With limited activities in a small town, many resorted to unique hobbies or pastimes.

For sophomore **Bobbi Van Zante**, basketball was a favorite activity.

"I loved playing basketball because it was a good way to let out energy and have fun with my friends," said **Van Zante**.

Friends were big parts of students' lives. Sophomore **Ricky Widmar** considered them his hobby because he spent so much time with them.

"I liked hanging out with my friends as much as I could," said **Widmar**.

Junior **Matt Goodyk**, above, could be found playing frisbee with his friends on the weekends.

As the weekend approached, some road-tripped to the big city to dance the night away.

"I liked to go dancing at Club Statik in Des Moines," said freshman **Tonna Phiv**.

Other popular hobbies were collections. Taking pictures, keeping movie stubs, or saving memorabilia from interesting places were some.

"I liked collecting guitars. They were fun to play. It was cool to see how many different kinds there were," said freshman **Chris Childress**.

Sophomore **Trevor Hoeksema** had many interests.

"I liked to go paintballing and hunting for deer. I also liked to fix computers," said **Hoeksema**.

For freshman **Kristen Burghorn**, reading is her pastime.

"In my spare time, I like to read murder mysteries and Christian books. I usually read when I'm in a bad mood or if it's late at night and I can't get to sleep," said **Burghorn**.

•Kelli Van Wyk



♦**TWO THUMBS UP.** Junior **Mary Beth Jones** has been collecting movie ticket stubs for two years. "I like to collect movie ticket stubs so I can remember all the movies I went to throughout my high school years," said **Jones**.

♦**GIDDEY-UP!** Freshman **Sara Collins** has been horseback riding for many years. She tested her skills at competitions. "I love to go horseback riding and compete in many competitions," said **Collins**.



Michael Van Dusseldorp,
Willie Van Ee



Blake Vander Molen



Emma VanderWell,
Sophie Linn



Courtney Fleenor,
Jessica Dingeman



Richard Spierenburg



Sara Mullen, Jennifer Torres



Candace Zwank



Chris Rempe



Senior Dan De Haan plays the guitar in his Indie-Rock band ISH.



Freshman Hillary Renaud poses with Sara Paulson at a singing competition in Tennessee.

He Said

She Said

On past times...

"I like to work on car and lawn mower engines and ride scooters."

Freshman
Tony Coatney

"When I look back to last summer, I enjoyed going to the beach with my friends. Lifeguarding in Monroe was a good experience."

Junior
Sara VerMeer

On stress relievers...

"I like to go drag racing on the weekends and go golfing. Drag racing is fun because you get to meet a lot of new people."

Sophomore
Calvin Vos

"I like to go bowling on the high school bowling team and the Saturday morning leagues. I chose bowling because it's something I want to do in life, and I can see myself doing this in the future."

Junior
Brandi Vink

On collecting...

"I collect vinyls because they really aren't that expensive and you don't have to take very good care of them."

Junior
Luke Rauch

"I collect milk ads that I find in magazines because I look at a lot of magazines and think the ads are funny."

Sophomore
Kristin Wright



Tyler Criss



Katie Kniff, Amy Laug

YOU EITHER

LOVE IT...



"Tulip Time is a great time to hang out with friends, eat food and enjoy the parades. I had an awesome time this year being the banner carrier."

Jocelyn Davis
Senior

OR

LEAVE IT...



"As much as I like checking out the two new floats and dodging all the old people every year, Tulip Time gets old. So my friends and I wasted time by playing cards."

Ben Bollard
Senior

(with senior **Katelyn DePenning**)



During the Thursday afternoon parade, sophomore Duchesses **Danielle Jacobson** and **Ali Linn** rode the Gateway to the Park float. **Jacobson** wasn't thrilled about having to wear a Dutch costume all afternoon. "It was really fun riding the float and seeing all my friends in the crowd even though I had to wear a Dutch costume," said **Jacobson**.



Many tourists this year came to see the year-old 124-foot windmill. Sophomore Duchesses **Michelle Holthaus** and **Takara Hrdlicka** enjoyed dancing and singing in front of the windmill. "I really loved being a Duchess. The girls were so much fun to be around, and I loved the opportunities to be involved in the community which the program allowed me," said **Hrdlicka**.



Queen **Ashley Braun** was grateful that the weather was nice and that Tulip Time was such a positive experience. "It was an exciting three days that I'll never forget. It was happy because my relatives came from out of state. The court members and I had so much fun! I'm happy that the weather was good, and it wasn't too windy," said **Braun**.

SPEAK OUT!

The boys' basketball team sold a favorite hot day refreshment- sno cones. They also proudly displayed the names of the members of the back-to-back championship team on the side of their stand. "Working at the basketball stand was fun, and at times, it got busy. It brought the team together, and it was great because we made a lot more money than we had expected," said junior **Brady VanVark** with classmate **Jason Pfadenhauer**.



Tulip
Time
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Josiah Carter



Juniors



Jay Mathes, Joel Weiler



Micah Kraayenbrink, Kevin Van Dyke



FFA Float



Crowds gathered May 1, 2, & 3 to see...

TULIPS IN FULL BLOOM

• Lauren Birkel

Rain or shine, tourists and students attended Tulip Time May 1-3 for a weekend of parades, food and entertainment.

This was a new experience for sophomore **Skyler Van Walbeek**, who moved to Pella this year from Urbandale.

"It was pleasant because I had good food. The kettle corn was great," said **Van Walbeek**.

Freshman **Derek Russell** volunteered his time to work at the boys' soccer stand selling Dippin' Dots.

"Tulip Time was fun hanging out with friends. The best part was working at the soccer concession stand," said **Russell**.

Although a variety of foods were offered uptown, some students enjoyed the traditional Dutch treats.

"The Dutch letters are my favorite during Tulip Time!" said freshman **Kelsey Den Adel**.

Junior **Taylor Brummel** spent his time working in the TSA stand.

"Working in the TSA stand was fun except for having to put up with all the guys in the stand," said **Brummel**.

After attending all six parades and spending three days uptown, freshman **Stephanie Fleenor** was ready for the festivities to come to an end.

"I've lived here 10 years of my life and seen everything there is during Tulip Time. All there is to do is

eat. For fun, my friends and I took the golf cart shuttle twice," said **Fleenor**.

"We had so much fun! When the Isiserettes went by, we cheered for them and tried to dance like them."

**Court Member
Amy Laug,
Senior**

Jaarsma Bakery's cart allowed employee **Lindsay McFarland**, senior, to interact with the tourists. "I worked as a sales clerk and attended the bakery

cart by the Klokkenspel. It was exciting to talk to people who have traveled across the country to come to Tulip Time," said **McFarland**.



Aleisha Brummel



Holly Van Kooten, Anna Rietveld



Michael Salz, Collin Knoll



Queen's Court



Morgan Mock, Megan McCombs

YOU EITHER LOVE IT...



"It was great to capture the memories of **Richard (Spierenburg, junior)** belting out **Billy Joel** and me playing the guitar. It was fun to put those memories into a performance."

Kellee VanHemert
Junior

OR LEAVE IT...



"Auditioning was really tough because I was a last minute replacement for **Katie Collins**, and the pianist had cancelled too. We didn't make it, but we still had some good times."

Danielle Jacobson
Sophomore



Singing her heart out for her solo performance of "One Moment in Time" is junior **Megan McCombs**. Singing is one of the ways **McCombs** said she expresses herself. "Singing, for me, is a way of self expression. I pick only one person and sing only them," said **McCombs**. "I loved sharing my talent with everyone in the audience, and everyone involved."



Getting away from a typical audience, **ISH** performed for Carnaby. "It was fun to perform for a new audience, and it was a good learning experience for us," said freshman band member **Phil Davidson**. **ISH** received a warm welcome from the audience as they entered the stage. The band played their two hit songs "And When It's Gone" and "Love Song." "The best part of being in **ISH** is being recognized as a local rock star," said **Davidson**.



Junior **Chris Childress** has played the guitar for about five years. He taught himself to play by strumming his guitar along with the radio. "I still play along with the radio; it's a really good way to learn songs," said **Childress**. During Carnaby, **Childress** and senior **Christoph Lücke** shared their guitar capabilities together. "The best part of Carnaby Club was playing guitar with **Christoph** because we both love playing live," said **Childress**.



Being part of Carnaby Club for the first time, and getting to be on stage was exciting for freshman **Hillary Renaud**. "I loved show choir and the freshmen ensemble, and I think doing what I love, singing, was one of the best parts of Carnaby," said **Renaud**. The group of 14 girls performed the choreographed song "Step-In-Time" for the freshmen ensemble. The Mary Poppins song was a hit with both the performers and the audience.

Show choir gives their all in performing a song from the *Newsies* musical. Show choir involved performing organized music and dance, the perfect mix for senior **Sarah Vos**. "I just really like dancing and singing, and show choir put them together for me," said **Vos** (pictured with senior **Steve VanderLinden**)



SPEAK OUT!

While demanding spare time and extra practice, junior **Tony Chem** found Carnaby Club to be an enjoyable event. "Show choir was great. Everyone could just go out there and have fun," said **Chem**. Being very involved in the program kept **Chem** busy. Singing his own song "Take Me" and performing in show choir did create some challenges. "It was really hard to get ready for the show. I wasn't sure that we were ready to perform," said **Chem**.

Carnaby
Club
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Mike Van Dusseldorp



Christoph Lücke



Amy Cline



Paola Espinosa



Les Carter



Carnaby Club performers share talents

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

• Danielle Newendorp

Carnaby Club was definitely a time to shine for the 15 acts that performed during the May 16-17 event.

Part of preparing for the event was holding auditions. Auditioners were selected to perform in Carnaby Club by **Dick Redman** and **Nickolet Sand** based on their audition performances.

"We take the best acts that appeal to our audience and fit into our two-and-one-half hour time commitment," said **Redman**.

Performers shared their talents through jazz band, speeches, singing and dancing. Bringing Motown music to Carnaby Club, junior **Alison Corbett** sang "Can't Hurry Love."

"During my song I got pretty nervous, but I just tried to have fun with everything," said **Corbett**.

Being part of Carnaby Club was a

new experience for freshman **Meagan Dahlin**.

"Being in freshmen jazz band was awesome. I had a solo, which was really nerve-racking, but it was a lot of fun," said **Dahlin**.



Students who were not a part of Carnaby also enjoyed the show, including sophomore **Kayla Lewis**.

"Carnaby Club was a ton of fun because I got to go with all my friends. There were lots of really good acts, and it was cool to watch them perform," said **Lewis**.

Freshman **Amanda Veenstra**'s favorite act of Carnaby Club was (senior) **Kate Sloan**.

"She's a sweet girl with a really nice voice, and I loved the song she sang," said **Veenstra**.

"The best thing about Carnaby Club was getting to perform in front of all my friends and the student body."

Alison Corbett
Junior

Director **Dick Redman** shows off Jazz I after they play their final song. "We really had a great show, and everyone should have enjoyed it," said **Redman**. Jazz I, who finished third in the Iowa Jazz Championships in April, played 14 songs between the two-performance nights, from the competitions they entered this year.



Savannah Veenstra



Kellee Van Hemert



Emily Filer



Steve Mc Combs

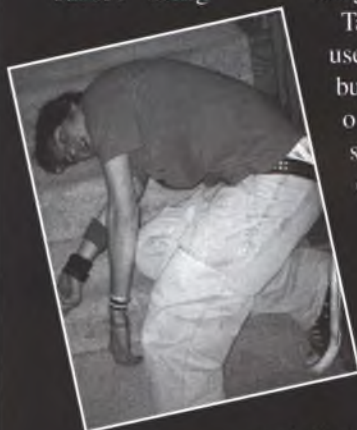


Cole Guillien

THE YOUNG & THE RECKLESS

Daredevils pay the price

Every day, it seemed that a student was sacrificing his or her body for entertainment, always finding ways to make the safest thing dangerous.



Take stairs, for example. They're used to go from level-to-level in a building, but put the right person on them, and voila, carpeted stairsteps became a tumbling deathtrap.

"I felt I had to spicen things up and set the mood for the occasion. The best way I could think of to do that was to catapult myself down the stairs. All in all, I was never invited to a sophomore party again," said junior **Tyler Boeyink**, left.

Yes, it seemed high schoolers enjoyed pain. How about four-wheelers? They were semi-dangerous when being used correctly, but put two senior boys on them, and watch out. It took their minds just seconds to come up with a life-threatening activity.

"Seeing two four-wheelers crash head-on scared me to death. I didn't know what to think or do knowing that I was supposed to be on one of those," said senior **Brittany McCulla**.

Luckily, young bodies were able to bounce back quickly from these injuries. Not all accidents were the result of a lack of common sense; some were more understandable. Rifle team members sometimes had trouble controlling their tosses and found themselves caught underneath a falling block of wood. They were constantly making trips to the office to receive ice for their bruises.

"Everyone got hit in the head at least once, some of us more than others. (Sophomore) **Luisa Orticelli** actually fell down after she hit herself," said sophomore **Jill VanVark**.

High schoolers developed a knack for danger, but as the saying goes: no pain, no gain.

•Allison Mansueto



♦**REMAIN SEATED.** Sophomore **April Stursma** dislocated her knee cap while trying to stand up on a roller coaster ride. Afterwards she had to wait in the Los Angeles Hospital for two hours before being administered to. "It's nothing that I haven't been through before, but it's also very degrading to have to be wheeled through the airport in a wheelchair," said **Stursma**. ♦**OUT OF ALIGNMENT.** Junior **Drew Wilson** dislocated his finger during a wrestling match against PCM.

Injuries
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Megan Weiler



Vance Schuring



Hillary Van Horn



Wade Van Vark



Derek Roord



❖COLLISION COURSE. Senior **Scott Ewell** sits out during the Oskaloosa football game due to a broken leg. During a senior get-together, **Ewell** had a head-on collision on a four-wheeler with senior **Zach Van Horn**.



Junior
Josh Smith



Sophomore
Jill Van Vark

*He
Said*

*She
Said*

On worst accident...

"During ninth grade baseball, my friend tackled me, and I broke my arm. I had to wear a cast for about five weeks."

"I tried to jump an electric fence when my foot got caught, and my chin landed on a rock and split open."

Longest hospital stay....

"I was in the hospital for two-and-a-half hours getting my cast on and looking at x-rays."

"Once I had to stay overnight in the hospital for two days. It really wasn't so bad because everyone was doting over me. But I must say that the food was pretty bad."

The grand totals are...

"I've broken my arm once and gotten stitches three times. I got stitches on my forehead once for falling off my rocking horse when I was little."

"Altogether I've had 24 stitches (lip, head, and chin) and two broken bones (wrist and collarbone)."

Junior
Josh Smith

Sophomore
Jill VanVark



Luisa Orticelli



Katelyn DePenning



Sam Reicks



Klayton Korver



Sierra Smith

YOU EITHER

LOVE IT...



"Dr. (David) Roe had a great inspirational speech. It was interesting and kept short all at the same time, which we all appreciated."

Catie Beck
Senior

OR

LEAVE IT...



"College is going to be a weird adjustment knowing that I won't see the people that I've have gone to school with for the past 12 years."

Ashley Braun
Senior

(with senior Tyler Cowman)



Seniors spent their last day of school living up the moment. Senior **Russell Hoksbergen** chose to take a "ride" on the wild side with his horse. Senior **Bryan VanderMeiden** drove his semi-truck around the school while other seniors rode mopeds, bicycles and golf carts.

Students in the graduating class elected two seniors, one male and one female, to give motivational speeches during the graduation ceremony. Seniors **Tremaine Versteeg** and **Emmanuel Mate-Kodjo** prepared themselves for a crowd full of family and friends. "I had practiced a lot for my speech, but I don't think anything could prepare me for the real thing," said **Versteeg**.



Senior **LaCosta Goos** pumps her fist in the air after finally receiving her diploma. **Goos** and 166 other graduates displayed the same emotions as they marched off the stage with diplomas in hand. "After I got my diploma I felt a great sense of accomplishments. Now I'm just enjoying a few days of freedom before going to college," **Goos** said. She began her college career at DMACC, Newton, June 3.



Graduation parties were celebrations of young adults' transitions into the outside world. Students displayed their achievements and most memorable moments at their parties. Senior **Sharilyne Hoekstra** gives a hug to senior **Lindsay Korver** at **Korver's** party held with three other seniors. "Going to parties kept me busy, but it was a neat experience to see all my classmates' accomplishments throughout the years," said **Hoekstra**.



Senior **Tim Williams** walks offstage after receiving his diploma as fellow classmates and family cheered him on. "I was proud of myself, but nervous during the whole thing. It was fun walking across the stage, but the crowd was a little much. I'm planning on going to college to further my talent in wildlife drawings," said **Williams**.

SPEAK OUT!



"I can call all of you out there my friends whether you are FFA president, a state-winning basketball champ or one of those kids who wrote about how our school is Communist. You all are friends to me, and I love talking and spending time with you," said senior **Emmanuel Mate-Kodjo** of his classmates in his graduation speech. May 23.



Zach VanHorn & niece Macy



Morgan Kelly

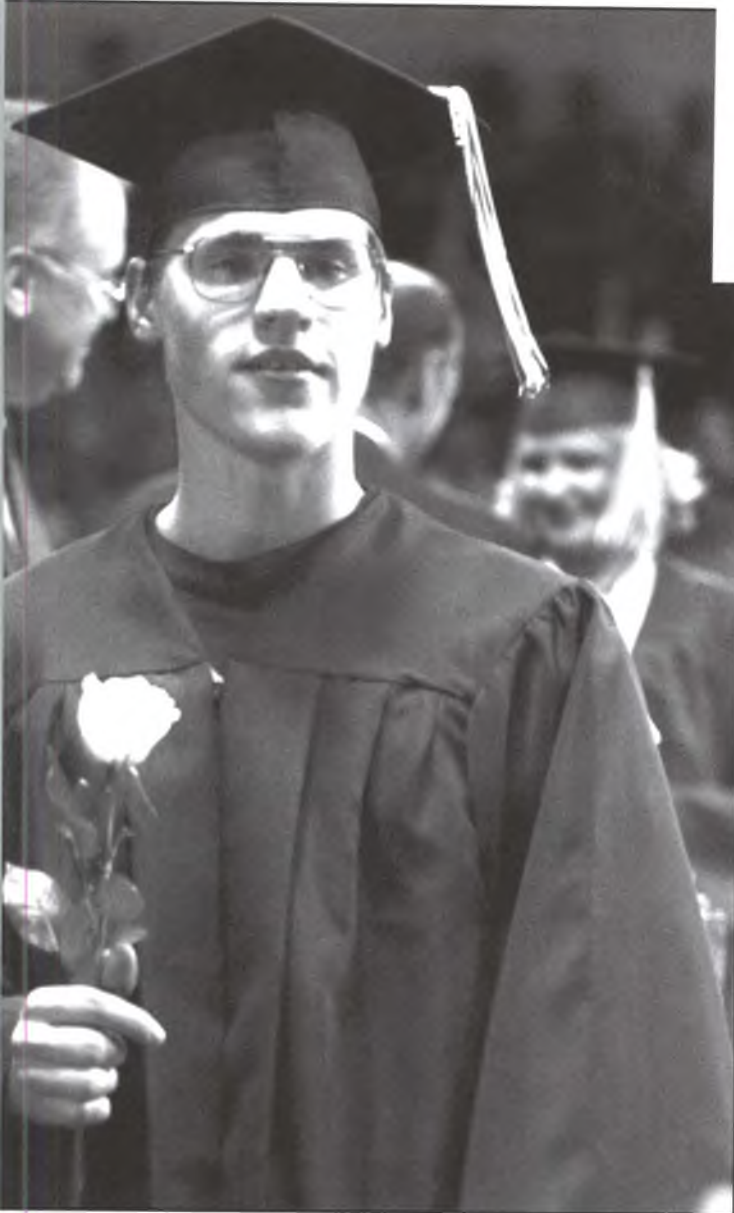


Aleisha Brummel



Mike Alft, Lauren Anderson Thomas DeKoning, Amanda Chapman





Graduation brings final farewell to many memories

Last Words

•Angela LoThi

Graduation brought tears, sadness, but above all, joy and happiness. On May 23, the graduating class of 2003 joined together for one last time as high school classmates.

"I hadn't seen a lot of my classmates in a fairly long time, so it was kinda weird to seem them all at once again," said senior **Jason Renaud**. Renaud graduated at semester.

As seniors crowded into Kuyper Gym on the campus of Central College to complete the final chapter of high school, seniors **Emmanuel Mate-Kodjo** and **Tremaine Versteeg** tried to calm their nerves for their graduation speeches.

"I hope my hair's o.k.," said **Mate-Kodjo** as an ice-

breaker and introduction to his speech. Overall, **Mate-Kodjo** was pleased with the results.



"I felt pretty good about giving my speech. I tried to reach a wide audience. After I got done, I thought I accomplished that. Afterwards I got a lot of compliments from people so I was pretty happy about that," said **Mate-Kodjo**.

Versteeg had similar feelings.

"I'm just glad to have it over with, and I'm glad people liked it," said **Versteeg**.

Along with the two senior speakers, Central College President **Dr. David Roe** spoke to the senior class and

challenged them to be the next greatest generation.

"I had a lot of fun, and I was glad the ceremony wasn't too long."

Amy Kappel,
Senior

Seeing is believing for these seniors. **Luke Ballenger** and **Tera Behning** look over their diplomas after receiving them. "It felt really good to finally

get my diploma. I'm going to miss all my classmates, but college should be a lot of fun," said **Ballenger**.



Jaci VanEe



Cody Boat



Levi Robinson



Dolly Adam



Nick DeRuiter

Question of the Month

What word defines the highlight of your summer?



"Life-changing... I went on a mission trip to Mexico for church. The bonds made could never be broken."

Freshman
Samantha Van Haften



"Dope-yo... Last summer I took a journey to California. I had a swell time at the beach and hanging out with old friends."

Junior
Joe Burch



"Relief... Graduating from basic training and going home and being able to see my family again."

Senior
Catie Beck

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Summer



On a hot summer day, the varsity football boys stand on the sideline during practice. Senior **Adam Moore** visited Colorado with the Boy Scouts for the summer. The troops camped at the Rocky Mountain National Park. Although the weather was unpredictable, members still managed to have their fun by rock climbing, swimming, and taking in the scenery.



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Juniors **Izaac Holt**, **Alex Schuring** and **Kellee Van Hemert** pose after having mud wars in **Schuring's** pond. After an hour of aggressive play throwing chunks of mud, the boys surrendered to **Holt's** attacks. "It was a joyous day full of childish fancies. It was really muddy too. Yeah, we're tough guys," said **Van Hemert**.

Marching band rehearsals begin! Long hours from 1-4 p.m., prepared the band for intense competitions during the upcoming school year.



Parasailing in Missouri is freshman **Natalia Plahotnaya**, with a friend. **Plahotnaya** vacationed there for a week with her family. "It was pretty amazing, especially when we slowed down and almost touched the water. It was a great view, and I wish I had a camera up there with me," said **Plahotnaya**.

Some students spent part of their summer fun with their families. Freshman **Nate Voelker** visited St. Louis, Missouri and saw sights such as "The Arch".

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Smiling for the cameras onstage of the musical **Oklahoma** are senior **Samantha McCurry** and junior **Richard Spierenburg**.

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Close bonds develop as sophomore **Meg Renaud** and her friend have some fun on their trip to Atlanta.

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Leaping into the air is senior **Amy Laug**. **Laug** and her friends spent many summer days relaxing and goofing off in her pool.

Two love triangles, light humor and good overall entertainment is what the musical "**Oklahoma**" brought. Juniors **Richard Spierenburg**, **Toney Chem**, **Megan McCombs**, **Sophie Linn**, **Alexis Baugh**, seniors **Samantha McCurry**, **Tiffany Pol**, and **Cassandra Boertje** all took part in the play. "Good times were had by all and **Toney (Chem)** got to do a backflip," said **Spierenburg**.

On June 28-July 7, sophomore **Megan Renaud**, along with 23 other students from Pella, took a trip with her church (Liberty Evangelical) to a youth conference in Atlanta, Ga. Students visited many various interesting places including the Coca Cola museum. **Renaud** said, "It was a really neat time get closer to other members of our group. There were a lot of memories made."

145 students were surveyed

2002 TOP 5 SUMMER BOX OFFICE BLOW OUTS :

1. XXX 20%
2. SIGNS 18%
3. SPIDERMAN 12%
4. GOLDMEMBER 11%
5. WE WERE SOLDIERS 10%

Artwork by **Lech Harris**





*On Sept. 17, **Stan Thompson** visited **Mark Core's** government class. **Thompson** ran unsuccessfully against **Leonard Boswell** for the United States House of Representatives.
*Taking a hard hit is senior **Sarah Vos**. Vos and other students participated in Third Reformed Church's youth group kick off party on Sept. 8.




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*Junior **Matt Van Maanen**, sophomore **Rachel Shaw**, and junior **Seamus Turnbull** listen close to the Sept. 11 ceremony.

 Students and faculty showed their respect on Sept. 11 by attending a ceremony to remember the tragic events that occurred a year before. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and two songs were sung by the Pella High choir. Due to miscommunications, Superintendent **Mark Wittmer** arrived at the ceremony as it was ending. However, **Wittmer** did read a poem he had written in honor of the occasion over the intercom.

Student council members organized the ceremony.

***Angela LoThi**

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Senior **Jeff Dole** scoots his way through the science room during **Les Carter's** class' roller races. **Dole** said, "I didn't bring my A game with me that day but I finished the race. That's all that matters."

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Roose Manufacturing turned to creativity when lightning struck a tree outside their company. The steel legs sticking out of the top, owl, and "We Give A Hoot" sign was all put together as a joke.

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Senior **Ryan Terlouw** takes first place at the Pella Invitational. Overall the boys' cross country team placed second.

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Auditions were held for the All-Iowa Drill Team. Juniors **Annie Terlouw**, **Lindsay Graham**, seniors **Ashley Braun**, **Emily Filer**, **Jessie Dingeman** and **Annie Carlson** made the cut.

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In health class, the juniors learned many various actions to take when dealing with choking adults and infants. Junior **Nick Fitch** practices his CPR skills on an "Annie".

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Phil Davidson, freshman, rocked his guitar at Ish's debut performance at Pella's popular coffee house, Smokey Row.

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Homecoming has started! Classes competed by having their own dress up days, hall decorations, class competitions, skits, and a run for the spirit shoe.

Sophomore **Josiah Carter** plays his horn during an early morning marching band practice. "It wasn't fun at all because we went hard-core," said **Carter**.



Thursday homecoming dress-up days:

Freshman:
Duct Tape Day
Sophomores:
Rockstar Day
Juniors:
Goth Day
Seniors:
Toga Day

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With big efforts and support from the bench, the girls' varsity volleyball team won the South Tama volleyball tournament over Hudson in the championship game.

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Sophomore **Taylor Lind** tries to 'capture' the senior flag while senior **Chris Boeyink** stays on guard during the class competition day of homecoming. Beating out the freshman, juniors, and seniors, the sophomore class took first place in the event.

Question of the Month

What did you do for fun on Halloween?



"I worked at Dairy Queen on Halloween. It was really fun because we all dressed up, and we looked like fools."- Sophomore **Bobbi Van Zante**



"I scared little kids in our neighborhood while they were trick-or-treating. It was fun because me and my friends had a blast."- Freshman **Derek Russell**



"I went trick-or-treating with **Stephanie Kindred, Lacey Malek and Sara Goodyk**. We had a blast together and took lots of pictures in our costumes."

Junior **Brenda Roose**

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*Sophomore **Andrew Oakland** patiently waits with friends at the Knowledge Bowl.
*Senior **Adam Chenoweth** competes in ping pong during intramurals. **Chenoweth** narrowly won the championship over sophomore **Bruno Orticeili** in a hotly-contested match.



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YFCA had their first night of activity with the theme "Life Without Refs."

Sophomores took the PLAN test. The test prepared them for the ACT's, and gave them predictions of what their ACT scores will look like.

School was dismissed two hours early for a teacher in-service.



Knowledge Bowl's first round of competition was held today.



A vocal concert was held at the school today. Many students and parents came to see the performance. Senior **Steven Vander Linden** and junior **Richard Spierenburg** were among those entertaining.

FHA went to "River Dance." Inadvertently, FHA Sponsor **Joyce Nelson** ended up one ticket short for the performance. Luckily, she was able to buy one at the door.

Dress rehearsal for "The Crucible" was declared a huge success by those involved. The play was about the Salem witch trials. Senior **Kyle Simpson** played the role of John Proctor.

Sophomores met with a class ring representative during third hour.

The intramural team tennis champs beat the faculty, 19-11. Members were seniors **Adam Chenoweth** and **Ryan Terlouw**, juniors **Dan George** and **Mike Van Dusseldorp** and, sophomore **Bruno Orticeili**.

Red Ribbon Week stresses the importance of avoiding drugs and alcohol. Red ribbons were available in the office for students to wear in support.

A **John Reuben** concert was held at Third Reformed Church. Hometown band ISH (with junior **Kellee Van Hemert**) received a warm welcome while opening for **Reuben**.

Freshmen **Katie Sadler, Cole Guillen** and **Chris Rempe** were selected for the Iowa Junior Honors Orchestra Festival.

The marching band (with senior **Daron Van Wyk**) kicked off their competition season with their performance at Davis County. The band left in first place with the high score of 92 points.

National Honor Society members assisted with the field day at Webster Elementary.



The Little Dutch handed Saydel a 56-6 thrashing in varsity football.

Seven students were selected for All-State after today's tryouts: seniors **Samantha Mc Curry, Chris Wills, Chris Boeyink, Leta Hanson, Michael Trotter** and **Sarah Gilpin** and sophomore **Lindsay Blair**.



• Senior **Michael Trotter** receives a big kiss from chorus director **Nickolet Sand** at the all-state music festival held in Ames Nov. 22. • Junior **Mary Beth Jones** gives a big hands up to her bowling strike. **Jones** was named to the bowling squad after try-outs in early November.



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One advantage to being 18 was voting for the first time. On Nov. 5 many seniors had the opportunity

to vote for the governor and other elected officials. These new voters found it to be a good experience. Senior **Tremaine Versteeg** voted at the Marion County Shop in Otley. After receiving some advice from her dad, **Versteeg** cast her ballot.

"It's an interesting process and I'm glad I did it. I plan to continue to use my voting rights in the future," said **Versteeg**.

Journalism teacher **Ann Visser** received the Journalism Education Association Medal of Merit at the group's convention in Dallas.

Former English/speech teacher **Wil Kirschman** died unexpectedly today. He had taught in the Pella schools for 35 years before retiring four years ago.

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• Principal **Mark Lee** (pictured with **Rupert** of "David Letterman Show" fame) visited his daughter **Claire** in New York City in late November. According to **Lee**, **Rupert** said **Letterman** had treated him well.



Forté's Individuals were performed today. **Naina Barnett**, **Courtney Fleenor**, **Kyrsten Klein** and **Emily Filer** all received top ratings.

Bowling tryouts were held at Excit-A-Bowl. "I was very pleased with the turnout we had. It shows there is a lot of interest and support for Pella High's newest sport. We are off to a good start with a new program, and it will only get better as more students and the people of Pella become more aware of our program," said Coach **Lee Fuller**.

A pep rally (including senior **April Rus**) was held honor the fall sports participants. Athletes participated in an eating contest while the pep band provided music.



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The craft show sponsored by the publications department was a success, featuring over 100 filled spaces and over 1,000 customers.



The competition heightened when senior **Tiffany Pol** played her violin in the Tulip Queen Coronation. **Pol** and PHS seniors **Katie Kniff** and **Amy Laug** were named to the court; **Ashley Braun** was chosen as queen.

Assistant Principal **Eric Nelson** was not seriously injured in an accident at the middle school. After turning around and hitting his head on the pop machine, **Nelson** left with a bandaged head.



Jim Emmert and his wife **Karen** became the parents of **Noah James**. He joins sisters **Jill**, **Hannah** and **Grace** and a brother **Luke**.



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Happy Thanksgiving! Many enjoyed their time off school with family and friends.

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Question of the Month
Should students with a 4.0 GPA take semester tests?



"Yes. Just because they have a 4.0 doesn't mean they should get extra privileges."

Sophomore
Amanda Wills



"No. If the student is already getting a 4.0 in the class, the student understands the information in the class, and would easily pass the test."

Senior
Adam Chenoweth



"Yes. Just because they get good grades doesn't mean they are different from anyone else."

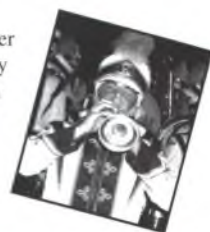
Junior
Richard Spierenburg






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Senior **Vance Schuring** talks with a Shriner after he received the official invitation to play in the Shrine Bowl in July. The best high school football players in Iowa are selected for the game. Senior **Jason Dahm**, junior, plays his trumpet at California Adventure during the band's trip to the Tournament of Roses Parade in December.



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December was recorded as the driest month ever. The weather pattern was not good for farmers and crops.	Juniors took the ITEDs, a standardized knowledge test. Junior Lindsay Graham said, "It took a really long time, but I was able to catch up on my sleep."			Forté green competed at the state drill team competition at Vets Auditoriu, Des Moines. They received first in pom and military and second in jazz. "Performing at state was incredible. Being in front of so many people cheering for us was really great. All in all, it was a great experience, even though my appendix burst the next day," said sophomore Naina Barnett .														
Orchestra and band held their winter concert. Junior Savannah Veenstra and other members of the band performed inside to show the audience the field show one last time before the band headed to the Tournament of Roses Parade after Christmas.			Class rings were delivered today. Jostens had many choices and styles of rings for students to choose from.		Jazz band competed in the SCIB festival. They received a 'I' rating in performance and a 29 or 30 on sight reading, the highest rating Pella has ever received. All soloists received an outstanding soloist award.													
Student Council proclaimed December as the month of giving and held a food drive competition between classes. The sophomore class won, making it their first-ever win in a high school competition.					Madrigal Dinner, with its medieval theme, entertained the crowd with music, drama, and food. "I was part of the head court and sang and ate and pretended to look royal. It was an awesome experience, but I didn't get to eat enough bread," said senior Tiffany Pol .													
	Christmas Day was spent with family and friends; gifts were exchanged, and lots of food was eaten. "I was sick during Christmas break, but I still got to spend time with my family and open gifts," said sophomore Monica Davids . Ten juniors had a Christmas party at junior Emily Goodyk's , and all decided to exchange gag gifts.		The Marching Dutch left for Pasadena, California to perform in the 114th Tournament of Roses Parade. They awoke early in the morning to board the four planes for California. It was the first time flying for many band members.															
	Some spent their New Year's Eve hanging out with friends and celebrating the New Year together. "A bunch of friends and I stayed at a hotel. We stayed in the pool area and swam until about five in the morning; it was so much fun!" said junior Angela LoThi .		WHAT DID YOU DO OVER THE HOLIDAY BREAK? <table><tr><td>1. WENT TO PASADENA, CALIF.</td><td>31%</td></tr><tr><td>2. SPENT TIME WITH RELATIVES</td><td>29%</td></tr><tr><td>3. WENT ON VACATION</td><td>12%</td></tr><tr><td>4. STAYED IN PELLA</td><td>10%</td></tr><tr><td>5. WORKED</td><td>10%</td></tr><tr><td>6. OTHER</td><td>4%</td></tr></table> <p>200 students were surveyed</p> <p>• Sophomore Allison Mansueto visited the Virgin Islands with her family during the holiday break.</p>			1. WENT TO PASADENA, CALIF.	31%	2. SPENT TIME WITH RELATIVES	29%	3. WENT ON VACATION	12%	4. STAYED IN PELLA	10%	5. WORKED	10%	6. OTHER	4%	
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•Senior **Marc Kucinski** watched the Orange Bowl at senior **Scott Ewell's** house. •Junior **Jordy Bloodsworth** and junior **Angela LoThi** show the eighth graders the yearbook during eighth grade orientation.



January

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•Forté White show off the eight awards they received at MA.

While many students were getting ready to go to Winter Formal, Forte's white squad was getting ready to perform at Marching Auxiliaries regionals in Sioux City, Neb. They performed their pom, military and prop routine and brought home eight awards. "This year has been a lot of fun. We have learned some challenging routines, and won lots of awards at MA," said sophomore **Sara Langham**. The green squad didn't go to the competition this year to save money for Nationals in Texas.

•Luisa Orticelli

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New Year's Day The band performed in the 114th Rose Bowl Parade.	The band returned to Iowa after spending a week in California.					
	Senior Ryan TerLouw puts up a lay-up during basketball intramurals.		Senior Vance Schuring was invited to play in the football Shrine Bowl next summer. "I'm very proud that I got this award; it's a great honor and not very many people get to do it," said Schuring .			
The week of semester tests finally arrived, and with it came studying and stress. "Taking semester tests was stressful, but it wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. I liked having a long lunch period," said freshman Pady Fontana .				Sophomore Sarah Langham bowls in P.E. Students bowled twice a week for four weeks.		
	Sophomore Sara Steenhoek enjoys herself at the Winter Formal. "I had a fun time dancing with my friends," said Steenhoek .		Forté White competed in Sioux City at MA regionals. Sophomore Brianna Ybarrola performs the military routine.			
Eighth graders visited the high school for orientation; students and teachers told them what high school life was all about.				Math teacher Wade Van Vark underwent surgery on his arm due to tears in his labrum caused by playing college baseball. Van Vark decided in December 2002 to have surgery. After the surgery, he had to wear a sling for four-six weeks, along with undergoing physical therapy.		

Question of the Month
Do you think Valentine's Day is overrated?



"No, as long as the girls honor 'Man Day,' it's all good."

Senior
Micah Ybarrola



"No. People may just get a little carried away, but I think it's good to show someone that you care for them."

Sophomore
Alyson Fugitt



"Yes, I do think it's overrated because it's just another day for couples to show themselves off."

Freshman
Jason Semidey

FEBRUARY



***ASTRONOMICAL:** On Valentine's Day four lunch tables were overloaded with gifts. Girls spent their lunch period gawking over all the goodies. ***OUT OF WHACK:** Math teacher **Wade Van Vark** had surgery on his left shoulder in the last week of January. "I had two tears in my labrum," said **Van Vark**. It caused him to wear a sling for five weeks.



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WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT IN PELLA?

1. PIZZA RANCH	29%	4. SAMURAI SAM'S	12%
2. McDONALDS	15%	5. OTHER	31%
3. JC'S STEAKHOUSE	13%		

96 students were surveyed

***NEW RESTAURANT.** "Samurai Sam's is great! When I went to eat there, everyone was nice, and the food was awesome. The food was served hot, and there were a lot of choices," said junior **Megan Pothoven**.



Groundhog Day!
The groundhog didn't see his shadow...or did he?



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The seniors took their annual ski trip to Fun Valley Ski Resort in Montezuma.

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Juniors and some sophomores took the ACT tests. Jazz band placed third in music festival. "I enjoyed playing with good musicians and getting up early," said sophomore **Josiah Carter**.

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Juniors made preparations and decorations were chosen for the Mardi Gras Prom of 2003.



A two hour late start gave some students time to sleep in.

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For Valentine's Day, sophomore **Joe Langenfeld** made colorful duct tape roses and sold them for \$1 each. "I bought a rose and gave it to **Lisa Jaarsma** for Valentine's Day," said sophomore **Kevin Graham**.

Freshman **Janelle Bollard** admires the flowers on the tables for Valentine's Day. "They were astronomical," said **Bollard**.



The biggest snow storm of the season, with over 10 inches of snow, helped Movie Gallery rent over 1,000 movies in one night!

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Junior **Seamus Turnbull** guards junior **Matt Van Maanen** during an intramural basketball game. Intramurals were played every week. "It gave me time to be with my friends and have fun," said **Turnbull**.



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Girls' basketball ended the regular season ranked No. 3 by the IGHSAA, No. 4 in the "Des Moines Register" poll. "We had a very good year. There were a lot of schools who wanted to be in that position," said Coach **Mike Vint**.

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Wrestling continued through February. "I went out for wrestling because I started in third grade, and I don't quit what I start. I liked it because it's a good team sport," said sophomore **Wade Hamre**.

Parent/Teacher Conferences were held from 3:30-7:30 p.m. Monday night and Thursday night.



Drill Team Night featured the green and white Forté squads. "People got to see the routines that we won stuff for, and we got to perform routines that we didn't get to perform for anyone else," said sophomore **Alyssa Haman**. Sophomores **Brianna Ybarrola** and **Zach Hogan** were a part of the co-ed routine.





***GIVING YOUR ALL:** "One of the most memorable moments this season was when we beat Norwalk. We all came together and handed them their first defeat of the season," said junior **Tara Sorensen**. ***TOUGH LUCK:** Training for track started in March. "The worst part of practice is form running, it requires a lot of energy and gets tiring," said sophomore **Kristine Kermode**. Freshman **Michelle Heimstra** and junior **Katie VanVark** sprint their medley.



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***Senior Heather Kraayenbrink** and her family went to Cancun for spring break. While there, Heather, center, and her younger sister met Trishelle from "The Real World" on MTV.

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***Forté** spent time together over spring break when they went to San Antonio, Texas for nationals. They placed first in military, second in prop and fourth in pom. It turned out to be a vacation they won't soon forget. "It was nice being there because it was warm, and it was a blast to hang out with all the girls," said sophomore **Sara Steenhoek**.

State bowling competition was held at Plaza Lanes in Des Moines, and the girls' bowling team placed 12th. "There were a lot of great teams there ... we tried hard and had fun," said freshman **Pady Fontana**.

Wrestling banquet ended the season for the wrestlers.

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Juniors went to the elementary schools to read for Read-A-Million Minutes.



Juniors **Lyndsay VanMaaren** and **Sarah VanWyk** read stories to **Lisa Zylstra's** fifth grade class.



For the first year ever, admission was charged to attend band concerts. "Concerts have been free for so long. It's dumb to change it all of a sudden," said sophomore **David Beyer**.

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Boys' basketball beat Grinnell 76-55 and head on to state. "We started slow and got better as the year went on," said assistant coach **Mike Ballenger**.

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Girls' basketball defeated Crestwood in the state tournament, 62-42. "I think more students could've supported the girls ... they played well," said junior **Lacey Malek**.

Above, senior **Jena Marlow** plays 'D'.

Physics Olympics participants built bridges as part of their competition. "Our bridge was terrible; it only held one pound. We didn't qualify, but it was fun," said junior **Sarah Goodyk**.

Girls' basketball lost in the semi-finals to Atlantic 40-39. "It was a tough loss and tough to watch. The girls deserved a victory," said senior cheerleader **Kristin Sytsma**.

Senior **Kendra Bouwers** talks with a college representative from La James. "It was an advantage getting my registration information and scholarships," said **Bouwers**.



President Bush issued a 48-hour warning to Saddam Hussein to get out of Iraq. "We should kill all of Iraq," said freshman **Brandon Haugland**.

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Student council members had an exchange program in Osky. Science teacher **Carrie Oppenhuizen** announced her resignation. She will return to school to finish her master's degree.

Varsity boys' basketball team won against Waverly-Shell Rock, 68-47. Senior **Pierce Hibma**, below, scores one of his 19 points in the game.



After months of deliberating, President Bush declared that the United States had officially went to war with Iraq. Graduate **Aaron Van Rees**, below, was one of the National Guard members called to service.



End of the third quarter. Sophomore **Nikita Romick's** dad died after suffering a heart attack. "Talk to your friends and family as much as you can because they might not be there tomorrow," said **Romick**.

Back-to-Back Championships! Little Dutch basketball claimed the 3A championship for the second year in a row with a 66-52 win over Harlan.

During Sping Break, Third Reformed Church youth went to Chicago for a mission trip. "We went downtown and did repair work for a local shelter," said senior **Ashley Heisdorffer**.

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During Sping Break, Third Reformed Church youth went to Chicago for a mission trip. "We went downtown and did repair work for a local shelter," said senior **Ashley Heisdorffer**.



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History teacher **Dak Rasmussen** and wife **Leigh** welcomed their new baby **William**. He weighed in at 8 lbs., 2 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.



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<- Spring Break ->

Two of the most appreciated words in a student's vocabulary: spring break. Many students traveled while some took time at home to relax.

"I had to stay in town because I had my wisdom teeth pulled that week," said senior **Adam Moore**.

Other students had the advantage of going on vacation with their family. "I went to Kansas City with my parents for a couple of days, then to Orange City with Alison Corbett and her mom," said junior **Lindsey Vander Wert**.

***Kassie Sneller**

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Question of the Month

Did you get caught off guard by Daylight Saving Time?



"No, because it gets dark sooner, and I like the dusk."
Sophomore
Skyler VanWalbeek



"No, because it's on a Sunday, and I take a nap in the afternoon."
Junior
Kendi Beyer



"Not really, because it's on the weekend, and you can sleep in."
Freshman
Jason Dole

April



• Freshman **Sierra Smith** runs in the open 100-meter dash at the Pella Invitational. "Track in high school is a lot harder than in middle school, but it has definitely been a good and fun experience," said **Smith**. • Junior **Joe Burch** gets ready to give date **Sarah Van Wyk**, a junior, her prom corsage. "**Courtney Fleenor** and I got ready together for prom. We did the usual hair and make-up. Then the guys came and picked us up in a limo. They looked pretty 'fly' in their tuxes and shiney kicks," said **Van Wyk**.



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



"April Fool's isn't something many people think of, but some of the jokes played are funny," said sophomore **Skyler Dobernecker**.



Freshman **Tiffany Alft** participated in Jump Rope for Heart. Students raised over \$1,000 for the American Heart Association by jumping rope and playing basketball.

An unexpected snowstorm hit most of Iowa and sent students outside to enjoy the last snow of the season. Senior **Mike Alft** nails classmate **Sarah Vos** with a snowball.

FFA members took part in the State FFA convention held April 7-8. "Some of the meetings got long, but chillin' with some of my TC buds made it all worthwhile," said sophomore **Ashley VanderHart**.



Oskaloosa's student council came for the April 9 exchange program. Junior **Angela LoThi** shows a Duchess yearbook to Oskaloosa junior **Megan T...**



Junior **Michelle Dykstra** and Oskaloosa boyfriend **Kevin Braden** hit the dance floor. "Prom was a lot of fun for me because it was blast to try and teach **Kevin** to dance," said **Dykstra**.

Students had a break from school with the Good Friday holiday. "I caught up on my sleep and watched the cartoons that I missed," said sophomore **Alyssa Haman**.



Fifty-eight pints of blood were donated in the blood drive for the Blood Center of Central Iowa. Sixty-six students and staff volunteered to give.



Freshman **Chris Rempe** stays with the beat in the Lord of the Rings concert. "I thought that the concert went all right, overall. It didn't bother me to get up a little earlier than usual to come practice," said **Rempe**.

"On Easter, I found my Easter basket and ate some of my candy. After that, I went to my grandma's house and ate Easter dinner with my family," said freshman **Justin Ver Heul**.



Sophomore **Megan Renaud** and her track teammates geared up during the week for the Tulip Time Relays held May 1. "I thought that having a track meet over Tulip Time was kind of a pain because no one came, and we weren't in the mood to run since we were missing a parade," said **Renaud**.



HOW MUCH CASH DID YOU DISH OUT FOR PROM?

	Junior	Senior
\$0-\$75	24%	17%
\$76-\$150	18%	28%
\$151-\$225	21%	28%
\$226-\$300	14%	13%
\$301-\$375	2%	3%
\$376+	15%	11%

• Senior **Danny Wichhart**





*Students found themselves involved in Tulip Time in many ways. "It was a lot of fun, but it was hard because there were so many people working in such a small booth," said freshman **Kristen Burghorn**. *Senior **Kristin Sytsma** laughs as classmate **Kyle Simpson** gives board of education president **Paul Van Zee** a hug.



May

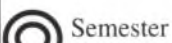
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*Freshman **Tim Elzinga** concentrates on the next problem of his math semester exam.



Semester tests signaled the end to the school year. Half of the tests were given May 30, the other half June 2. The make-up day for missing a day of school for the boys' state basketball tournament created the situation.

"I hate semester test time. We get such a small amount of time to relearn everything we 'learned' the second half of the year. Taking a 200-question test for hours at a time just isn't my thing," said sophomore **Tony Van Donselaar**.

•Rachel Shaw

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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*Senior **LaCosta Goos** receives her Dollars for Scholars \$250 award from Scott Savery of the DFS committee. One-hundred-twenty-six seniors were given either the \$250 award or a designated donor award by the DFS committee during the May 20 senior awards ceremony.



"It was a lot of fun pushing my cousin Bailey in the parade at Tulip Time. I usually walk in the parade, but it was fun to be able to push Bailey this year with her mom," said senior **Katie Overbergen** regarding the Tulip Time parade on May 1 and 2.

"Squeezing the courts after it rained was not fun at all, but winning my matches and a gold medal was awesome," said sophomore **Bobbi Van Zante**. She won in singles at the Lady Dutch Invitational.



Sophomore **Mike VanderHoek** runs at the Dutch Invitational. "It was exciting to run in front of the people you know because you show them how much you've improved over the year," said **VanderHoek**.

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Mother's Day gave students a chance to show their appreciation to their moms. "I bought my mom a candle and some flowers and spent some time with her," said sophomore **Cassie Jones**.



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The crowd attending Carnaby Club was treated to a night of varied entertainment. According to sophomore **Alli Linn**, "It was chaos because everything I was in was almost one after the other, but it turned out to be a lot of fun."

The girls' golf team made it to districts. "This golf season has been a great learning experience. I learned a lot on my own as well as from my coach and the very talented upperclassmen," said freshman **Megan Renaud**.



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Seniors **Vanessa Boot**, **Adam Chenoweth** and **Kendra Bouwers** listen to Dr. David Roe, Central College president, deliver his message at graduation ceremonies on May 23.

Students got a break and relaxed from school. "I spent Memorial Day with my mom and sister and went shopping. It was great to not have school, and I got new things for summer," said sophomore **Kristine Kermode**.

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Athletics

sweat celebration dedication tears frustration
disappointment by definition exhilarating
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commitment tradition excitement

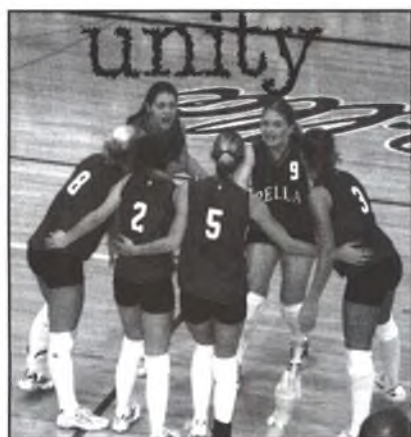


Practices

In order to achieve success in competitions, teams practiced whenever it was needed. Before and after school, on the weekends, during school breaks and in the summer were all times that athletes and coaches spent working on becoming better. The girls' swimming team had to go to Newton and the boys' team traveled to Ottumwa to practice. Freshman **Paul Michaels**, practicing in Ottumwa, didn't mind going the distance. "It isn't all that bad having to travel to Ottumwa. We got out of school early, and the more we did it, the shorter it seemed," said **Michaels**.

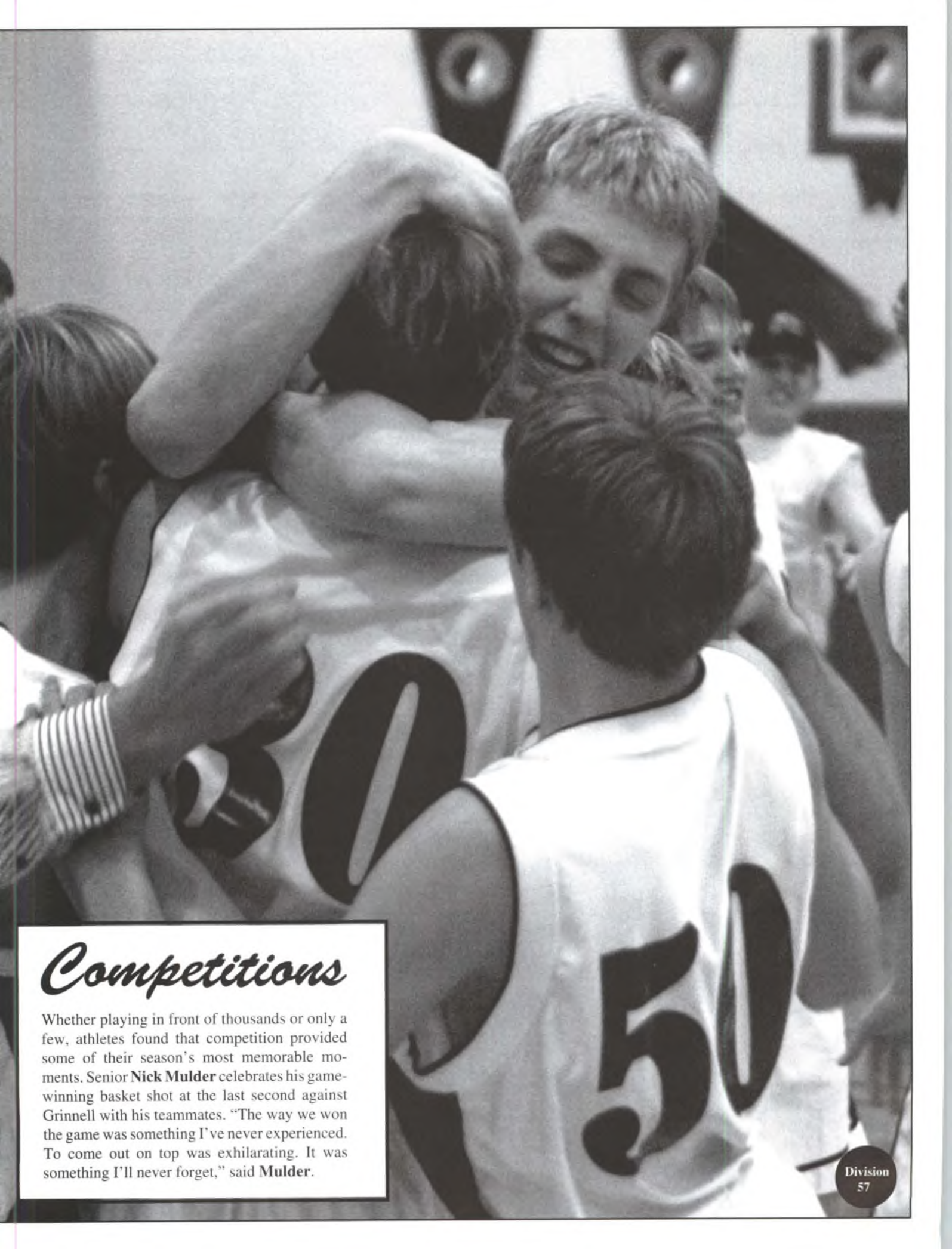
Fans and Support

Whether wrapped up in blankets at a football game or wearing jerseys at a basketball game, many students took pride in athletics. Senior **Lindsay McFarland** cheers on the varsity football team at the state semifinal game against Atlantic. **McFarland** was also a varsity boys' and girls' basketball cheerleader. "Supporting our athletes is one of my favorite things to do. I love to be in the crowd and yell my heart out. As a cheerleader, I encourage the crowd to participate as well," said **McFarland**.



Team Bonds

A key ingredient to a successful team was team unity. Creating bonds among teammates was accomplished in a variety of ways. The varsity volleyball team made up a team dance and had a sleep-over. The varsity girls' and boys' basketball teams had parties together after games. A karaoke night and pool parties were ways that the softball team united. Others found that the experience in practices and games created the strongest bonds.



Competitions

Whether playing in front of thousands or only a few, athletes found that competition provided some of their season's most memorable moments. Senior **Nick Mulder** celebrates his game-winning basket shot at the last second against Grinnell with his teammates. "The way we won the game was something I've never experienced. To come out on top was exhilarating. It was something I'll never forget," said **Mulder**.

SOFTBALL

catcher first base outs pitch
home plate outfield glove field
bats home run infield short stop

Kristin Wares

Julia Nurse

Katie Ross

Sierra Smith

30 & COUNTING

Softball team sets record with 31-17 mark

•Sonya Ravestein

▲The Ups▲

▲Friendships developed throughout the team that helped them both on and off the field. "The best part for me was just playing and hanging out with the team all summer. We all grew really close and had a very fun and memorable season together," said 2002 graduate **Julia Nurse**.

▲The lighter moments were also a plus. "We had our share of funny moments, most in practices. I never knew practice could be so wet! My best advice to everyone is when someone looks like they are going to throw a bucket of water on you, chances are they will, and you will be quite damp," said senior **Lauren Anderson**.

▲Growth and camaraderie were highlights for 2002 graduate **Kristin Wares**. "We all really developed and learned how to work together. The bus rides were the best; we would always sing and do chants to get ourselves pumped for the games," said **Wares**.

▼The Downs▼

▼The season wasn't all fun and games. Playing 45 games was hectic. "It was just way too much. We had a game practically every day. When we didn't have a game, we either had practice or had to be at a team gathering. I had no life aside from softball," said sophomore **Rachel Shaw**.

▼Being defeated by Pella Christian was very disappointing, according to freshman **Ashley Dorman**, "We worked really hard and expected to win. It was a major let-down when we lost to Pella Christian."

▼Seeing the season end was hard for senior **Kristin Sytsma**. "As our season progressed from game to game, the whole team's passion grew for the game, and we became closer as friends. When our last game came and our season ended, it was really hard to accept that it was over," said **Sytsma**.



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Julia Nurse, 2002 graduate, had a great pitching season. "My best game pitching-wise was the game against Twin-Cedars where I got my 100th win," said **Nurse**.



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Sophomore **Rachel Shaw** remembers the time she hit a homerun. "I was nervous; I swung late, and the ball hit the fence. I didn't stop until I hit home," said **Shaw**.



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Like any other sport, a lot of hard work and dedication goes into the game. "Softball is a fast-paced game where you need to know what you're doing at all times," said sophomore **Skyler Dobernecker**.



◆**TALKING IT OVER.** With an overall team record of 31-17, this season went down in the history books. This was the best record for any Pella High School softball team. They were also the first team to reach thirty wins. "With **George Wares** as the new coach we worked harder than we ever had before and our hard work paid off," said junior **Whitney Metcalf**. ◆**LOOKING OUT.** 2002 graduate **Lindsay Hill** stands behind the fence as she watches her teammate at the plate. **Hill** said she has fond memories of her last high school season. "I really enjoyed playing softball. It was a good way to meet my friends. It was really sad when the season ended because I'll never get the chance to play with my younger friends again," said **Hill**, second baseman.



STUPENDOUS
senior Lauren Anderson

EXCITING
graduate Lindsay Hill

DEDICATION
freshman Suzanne Wares

UNITY
freshman Sierra Smith

UNFORGETTABLE
junior Whitney Metcalf

FRIENDSHIPS
freshman Hillary VanHorn

AWESOME
junior Katie Van Vark

FUN
junior Emily Bensink

INTENSE
freshman Megan Renaud

MEMORABLE
graduate Julia Nurse



VARSITY. Ashley Dorman, Megan Renaud, Jennifer Spoelstra, Kristin Wares, Katie Ross, Julia Nurse, Laura Sopher, Lindsay Hill, Hillary VanHorn, Angela McNaughton.
ROW 2: Skyler Dobernecker, Suzanne Wares, Tara Sorensen, Emily Bensink, Kristin Sytsma, Chelsea Freese, Rachel Shaw. **ROW 3:** Coach Libby Hysell, Coach Greg Renaud, Lauren Anderson, Sierra Smith, Coach George Wares, Whitney Metcalf, Nicole Verhey, Katie VanVark, Coach Mary VandeHoef, Coach Denise Barnard.

Honors:

All-Conference, 1st Team: 2002 graduates **Kristin Wares, Julia Nurse, Katie Ross**

All-Conference, 2nd Team: Juniors **Tara Sorensen, Emily Bensink**

All-District, 1st Team: **Wares, Nurse**

All-State Class 3A Third Team: **Nurse**

All-State Class 3A Fourth Team: **Wares**

All-State Class 3A Honorable Mention: **Ross, Sorensen**

Letter winners: Wares, Nurse, Ross, Sorensen, Bensink, Chelsea Freese, Lori Sopher, Katie Van Vark, Whitney Metcalf, Suzanne Wares, Lindsay Hill, Lauren Anderson, Jen Spoelstra

Scoreboard

Varsity

Pella 1, Urbandale 0	Pella 3, Grinnell 2
Woodward-Granger 5, Pella 2	Pella 2, Chariton 0
Pella 1, Colfax-Mingo 0	Pella 3, Oskaloosa 0
Indianola 1, Pella 0	Boone 1, Pella 0
Pella 4, Knoxville 1	Pella 1, Perry 0
Oskaloosa 2, Pella 0	Harlan 1, Pella 0,
Pella 2, Centerville 1	North Scott 1, Pella 0
Boone 1, Pella 0	Ames 6, Pella 0
Pella 3, Knoxville 1	Pella 4, Knoxville 0
Pella 6, Clark 0	Pella 5, Norwalk 2
Pella 5, West Harrison 1	Pella 6, Norwalk 2
Pella 10, Clark 0	Waukee 1, Pella 0
Pella 2, Johnston 1	Pella 3, North Mahaska 2
Pella 3, Waukee 2	Grinnell 4, Pella 1,
Pella 3, Southeast Polk 0	Pella 12, Montezuma 0
Pella Christian 2, Pella 1	Colfax-Mingo 2, Pella 1
Pella 2, Waukee 1	Pella 4, Twin Cedars 0
Pella 5, Chariton 1	Pella 5, Pleasantville 0
Pella 3, Ankeny 1	Pella 1, Pleasantville 0
Pella 1, Carlisle 0	Pella 3, Southeast Polk 0
Indianola 6, Pella 3	Marshalltown 3, Pella 1
Southeast Polk 3, Pella 1	Lincoln 2, Pella 1
Dowling 4, Pella 3	Overall: 31-17

3-2•Grinnell



"My most memorable game was when we beat Grinnell because they beat us the year before to end our season. We all wanted revenge."

Senior
Kristin Sytsma

1-2•Lincoln

"We were ahead 1-0 going into the bottom of the seventh inning; Lincoln came back and scored two runs to end the game."

Junior
Tara Sorensen



1-0•Carlisle



"The game that sticks out in my mind would be the Carlisle tournament because we really came together as a team and ended up winning."

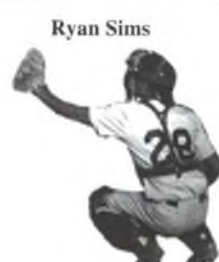
Junior
Chelsea Freese

timeout

ball
umpire
plate
error
base
strike
strike out
steal
pitch
slide
walk
catch
homerun
BASEBALL



Brian Steenhoek



Ryan Sims



Scott Ewell

DISAPPOINTING

Team loses 6 straight to end up 10-25

•Kelli VanWyk



◆ Senior **Tyler Cowman** takes a run back to the dugout after the third out of the inning. "It was a good season. Our record wasn't that good, but we had a lot of fun," said **Cowman**.



◆ Graduate **Scott Mathes** waits at the plate ready to score a run against Pella Christian. "It was disappointing losing the first game, especially being as badly beaten as we were. We pulled it together in the second game and played the kind of baseball we knew how," said **Mathes**.



◆ Senior **Adam Whitehead** pitches in the varsity game against Pella Christian. "I enjoyed pitching for the Dutch and the strong fan support made it easier to focus and get the job done," said **Whitehead**.

▲The Ups▲

▲The season started off a little rough, but as the team members started pulling together and playing like a team, the victories came along. "We started off bad and took us awhile to get together. After we got a couple wins, we started to play like a team," said junior **Stephen Bandstra**.

▲Some hated the bus rides while others liked the quality time with everyone. For sophomore **Cody Verros**, he enjoyed the simplicity of going out of town to play on the other team's field. "I really liked playing out of school teams rather than playing kids from Pella," said **Verros**.

▲Sometimes the simple pleasure of playing the game the team loved was just enough for them. Senior **Tyler Criss** enjoyed the simplicities of the game and what all went along with it. "Being able to go on the field with all the guys and just being able to do what I love was the best part," said **Criss**. **Criss** was the team's catcher; he was second team in the Little Hawkeye Conference.

▼The Downs▼

▼The change from city league baseball to high school baseball was a big leap. Freshmen were excited to be able to play against other schools, but not everyone was happy in the end. "Even though I was only a freshman on the team and didn't get to play much, I tried to make the most of what I had," said freshman **Andy Corbett**.

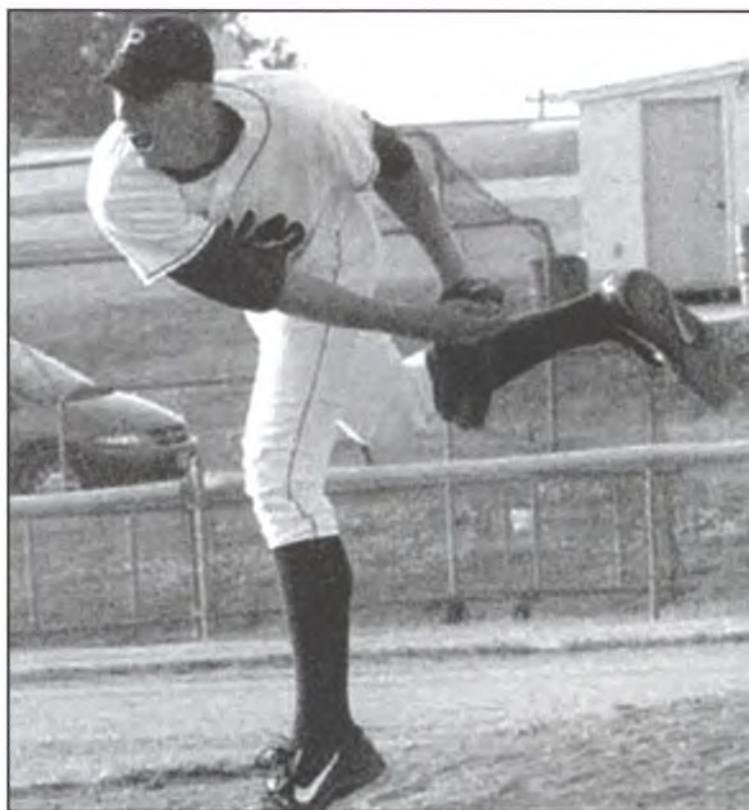
▼Athletic directors from the Little Hawkeye Conference got together to schedule the games, but the Centerville team failed to remember the one against Pella. "We went to Centerville to play a game, and they forgot we even had one scheduled. So, we ended up calling it off," said freshman **Nate Voelker**.

▼The rocky start for the varsity baseball team didn't stop them from reaching some of their goals. "The 13-game losing streak wasn't all that good, but it was good for the kids to come back from that and win five of their next seven games," said Coach **Wade VanVark**.



◆ Varsity players take time out to sit by the dugout and watch their teammates. "Even though we didn't have a great season, it was a great learning experience. It was nice to sit back every once in a while and cheer for my team," said junior **Jacob Vaverka**.

◆ Senior **Nick Mulder** takes a break from his usual first base position to pitch a few innings. "Even though we didn't have a great record this season; baseball was a lot of fun. I didn't have a set position, so I played wherever I was needed," said **Mulder**. **Mulder** is a three-sport athlete and competes in football and basketball in addition to playing baseball.





VARSITY. Kyle Simpson, Carl Lovell, Brian Steenhoeck, Deke Naaktgeboren, Jeff Dole, Adam Chenoweth, Mike Edwards. ROW 2: Scott Mathes, Jacob Vaverka, Kevin VanDyke, Adam Whitehead, Tyler Criss, Mike Ballenger, Nick Mulder, Dan Goodyk. ROW 3: Coach Dave Chenoweth, Paul Davidson, Matt Andervoort, Scott Ewell, Tyler Cowman, Lucas Waits, Klayton Korver.

All-Conference Honors: Senior Tyler Criss, second team; senior Scott Ewell and Junior Mike Edwards, honorable mention



FRESHMEN. Kyle Erickson, Justin Versteeg, Jason Dole, Trevor Patch, John Tanguen, Ross Way. ROW 2: Josiah Carter, Derek Forsythe, Nate Voelker, Ryan Sims, Josh Bogaard, Cody Verros, Andy Corbett. ROW 3: Coach Jim Griffiths, Joe Goodyk, Joe Langenfeld, Austin Crase, Joe Berkle, Zach Van Haaften, Andrew Bradley.



JV. Mike Langenfeld, Jacob Vaverka, Ryan Sims, Trent Sikkema, John Erickson. ROW 2: Derek Forsythe, Darvin Graham, Nick Hartson, Matt Snyder. ROW 3: Taylor Brummel, Tyler VerMeer, Stephen Bandstra, Chris Vos.

Scoreboard

VARSITY	
Newton 15, Pella 5	Pella Christian 17, Pella 6
South Tama 4, Pella 3	Pella 4, Norwalk 3
Pella 5, Chariton 2	Waukee 13, Pella 4
Centerville 10, Pella 7	Grinnell 12, Pella 1
Bettendorf 11, Pella 1	JUNIOR VARSITY
Colfax-Mingo 10, Pella 3	Newton 5, Pella 3
Carlisle 10, Pella 0	South Tama 7, Pella 5
Hudson 8, Pella 6	Boone 11, Pella 6
South Tama 14, Pella 13	Chariton 9, Pella 6
Pella 3, Fairfield 0	Knoxville 9, Pella 4
Pella 8, Nevada 6	Pella 11, Oskaloosa 1
Boone 5, Pella 0	Centerville 10, Pella 1
Knoxville 10, Pella 4	Pella 13, Norwalk 7
Pella Christian 10, Pella 9	Pella 15, Waukee 2
Oskaloosa 8, Pella 2	Pella 12, Pella Christian 6
Norwalk 10, Pella 0	Pella 10, Pella Christian 9
Pella 3, Waukee 2	Pella Christian 6, Pella 2
Pella 4, Grinnell 3	Carlisle 3, Pella 2
Oskaloosa 6, Pella 3	Pella 15, Oskaloosa 6
Boone 9, Pella 2	Oskaloosa 7, Pella 2
Knoxville 11, Pella 1	Pella 6, Pella Christian 5
	Pella 14, Pella Christian 4

6-5•Pella Christian



"Pella Christian was our closest match of the season, and we had to play our hardest."

Junior
Stephen Bandstra

6-21•Knoxville

"It was a fun year, but at the same time, it was kind of disappointing."

Senior
Deke Naaktgeboren



7-13•South Tama



"It was really hard losing our district game to South Tama. It was pretty close, but unfortunately they came out on top."

Senior
Tyler Criss

timeout



◆ Freshman **Tonna Phiv** shows his determination to gain yardage in the freshman game against Chariton. "The whole team played really well. From the beginning, this was a turning point in our season. We prevailed," said **Phiv**. Teammate freshman **Jon Tangen** explained **Phiv's** determination, "Every game **Tonna** would make a goal to score one more touchdown than the previous game. He was the fastest out there and gave 112.35%." The freshmen won four consecutive games to end 5-4.

◆ In a turn of events Pella beat Oskaloosa for the first time in four years. The game was in question until the last 10 seconds. The feelings of the team were overwhelming, and sophomore **Zach Hogan** remembered the ending of the game. "I remember that there were like 10 seconds left in the game, and everyone went nuts. We took a knee and beat Osky for the first time. It was the best part of the season!" said **Hogan**. The Little Dutch defeated Oskaloosa, 30-28.



Breaking .500

Both freshmen, JV end with winning marks

▲ Working hard at practices and giving 100% at games created different feelings for different teams. For the Little Dutch, both defeat and victory pushed and inspired them to do their best. The feeling of victory for freshman **Derek Roorda** meant "... finally being able to say that we could accomplish something that we had worked on for so long."

▲ Winning is one of the expectations going into a game, but is not always the end result. Some agree that winning is expected, but sophomore **Thomas Fritz** disagreed. "It was a lot of fun winning the first three

games, but the satisfaction of playing our best as a team at every game overpowered any loss. It was a lot of fun not matter what though," said **Fritz**.

▲ The best part of the season for the JV team was beating some of the tough teams that they faced. Oskaloosa has been an obstacle for the JV team for four years. The satisfaction of beating them gave them more hope for future games. "Beating Osky for the first time in four years and starting off the season 3-0, and sophomore **Josiah Carter** getting his key catch on the fourth down against Saydel ..." were significant memories for sophomore **Derek Forsythe**.

▼ Injuries plagued some of the players. From sprained ankles to broken bones, the team's performance was influenced by injuries. "In the game against Clarke I was blocking an opponent, and I tore several ligaments and ruptured a disc in my lower back. I was out for two weeks," said sophomore **Hayes Mc Curry**.

Additionally, sophomores **Justin Versteeg** (ankle), **Ryan Sims** (knee) and **Ryan Bettger** (ankle) dealt with injuries throughout the season, forcing all three to miss at least two games.

▼ Injuries weren't the only thing that caused problems for the football players. The disappointment of losing also took a big part in the

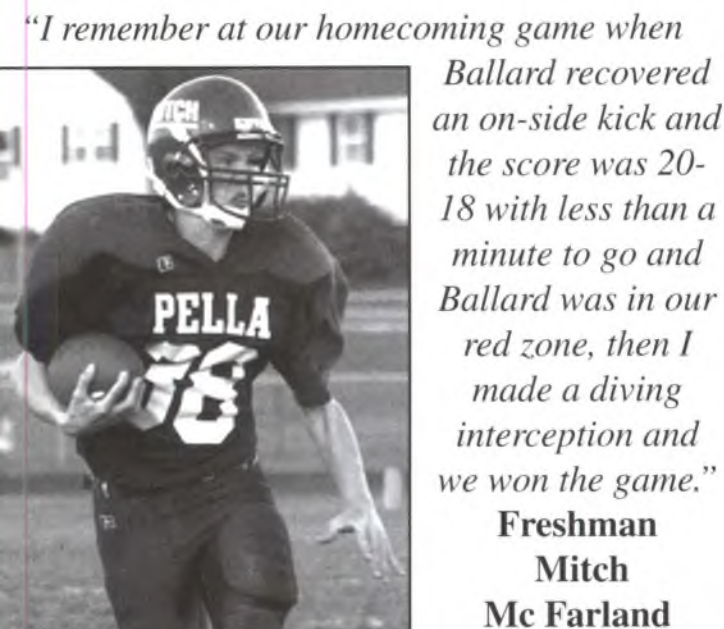
performance of the team. Freshman **Kyle Erickson** shared his point of view about the start of the season. "At the beginning of the season, we started off a little rough and as the season went on, we pulled it together and saw it through until the end," **Erickson** said.

▼ Tough practices were essential for the freshman after they lost their first three games. Those games were a major disappointment for the freshman while they expected more for themselves. "As the season went on, practices were tougher, and that made us perform better in games," said freshman **Brett Newendorp**.

• Rachel Sha

receiving sack
touchdown field goal kickoff
JV/9th FB
tackle end zone tackling
passing rushing
offsides first down

I Remember ...



"I remember at our homecoming game when Ballard recovered an on-side kick and the score was 20-18 with less than a minute to go and Ballard was in our red zone, then I made a diving interception and we won the game."

**Freshman
Mitch
McFarland**

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"The kids had a very successful year. They were a great bunch to work with. We won a lot of close games where the kids had to battle back after being behind. That says a lot about the character of this team. They always played hard no matter what the circumstances."

Coach Corey Thorson

"The best part without a doubt was watching the young men learn how to work together as a team. I liked it when we won, too!"

Coach Dave Ross



FRESHMEN FOOTBALL. Jon Tangen, Derek Van Wyk, Jason Kingma, Kyle Erickson, Thomas Salz, Ross Way, Joshua Youngman. ROW 2: Matthew Trotter, Jason Semidy, David Visser, Brett Newendorp, Aaron Navarro, Jason Dole, Mitchell McFarland. ROW 3: Tonna Phiv, Kerry Van Hemert, Joshua Valster, Derek Roorda, Joshua Bogaard, Jay Mathes, Andrew Santiago, Nikki Halverson.



JUNIOR VARSITY. Andrew Knight, David Beyer, Micheal Vander Hoek, Wade Hamre, Brad DeWild, Thomas Fritz, Zach Vanden Berg, Nathan DeHeer, Chris Eick. ROW 2: Andrew Bradley, Nathan DeZwarte, Robert Bruss, Justin Ver Steeg, Travis Bogaards, Ryan Bettger, Aaron Corbin, Brett Nikkel, Lucas Borgman, Jason Nunnikhoven. ROW 3: Zach Hogan, Ryan Sims, Curtis Brobst, Derek Forsythe, Hayes McCurry, Cody Verros, David Vos, Josiah Carter.

SCOREBOARD - Freshmen - 5-4

Washington 28, Pella 8
Oskaloosa 27, Pella 0
Knoxville 21, Pella 12
Pella 20, Ballard 18
Norwalk 20, Pella 8
Pella 37, Chariton 0
Pella 41, Saydel 0
Pella 34, Clarke 0
Pella 56, Nevada 12

SCOREBOARD - Junior Varsity - 4-3-1

Pella 32, Washington 16
Pella 30, Oskaloosa 28
Pella 28, Knoxville 24
Ballard 28, Pella 7
Pella 19, Norwalk 19
Chariton 28, Pella 8
Pella 28, Saydel 0
Clarke 32, Pella 16

JV/9th
FB
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receiving sack kickoff
touchdown punt return zone blocked kick
FOOTBALL
tackle passing rushing
offsides first down



Joe Burch



Ray J. Lovell



Aaron Bloodsworth

CHAMPS

Team goes 9-0 to capture district title

•Jordy Bloodsworth

▲The Ups▲

▲ Beating Knoxville was a highlight for senior quarterback **Kevin Van Dyke**. "It was a great feeling beating Knoxville because we had to overcome a lot of adversity. The way we came out and won the game was a crucial part of our season," said **Van Dyke**.

▲ Chopper 13 landed on the field for the Homecoming game against Ballard. "We were on television and in the newspaper a lot," said junior **Mike Van Dusseldorp**. "We had a lot of publicity."

▲ Team unity was a plus for junior **Mike Edwards**. "...our team came together to play against each team, no matter how good or bad the team was," said **Edwards**.

▲ District champs was the highlight of the season for junior **Chris Corbin**. "It was very cool to win districts and have coaches who helped us excel in every aspect of the game," said **Corbin**.

▼The Downs▼

▼ Injuries were an issue for junior **Michael Langenfeld**. "The lowest part of the season was when I went in for my x-rays, and the doctor said I was done for the year," said **Langenfeld**.

▼ Pressure became a low for junior **Joe Burch**. "There was a lot of pressure to do good stuff because we were ranked fourth and expected to go all the way," said **Burch**.

▼ Questionable competition proved to be a negative for the team. "The lack of ranked competition during the regular season proved to be a downer going into the play-offs," said senior **Ben Bollard**.

▼ Not making it to state was a letdown for junior **Ryan Salter** and teammates. "Losing to Atlantic was a huge disappointment because we wanted it so bad, and we were so close," said **Salter**. The Dutch ended 10-1.



Junior **Drew Wilson** prepares to enter the game against Saydel. "Preparing for the Saydel game was difficult, but once I was under the lights I was ready to go," said **Wilson**. Senior **Andrew Kinne** (20) stands by.



Senior **Tyler Cowman** plays in the intrasquad scrimmage to get ready for the 2002 football season. "I think that the intrasquad scrimmage helped us get ready for the season very well. During the summer, practices got so long, and it was a good break from that, allowing us to hit somebody in a game-like situation," said **Cowman**.



Pella began their game against Nevada by charging through a sign made by the cheerleaders, a traditional part of the Friday night activities.



◆ Senior **Vance Schuring** runs the ball against Washington. Schuring ended the game with a total of 214 yards rushing. "The game was a lot of fun, and I was really excited to be back out there with my teammates."

◆ The varsity football team enjoyed many rituals prior to game time. "We did lots of things to get focused and fired up for the game. We usually ate together, watched a movie, and then hung out in the locker room and listened to music. We also tried to treat every game like it was our biggest game of the year," said senior **Luke Ballenger**.



INTENSE

junior Mike Van Dusseldorp

UNFORGETTABLE
junior Brady Van Vark**UNDEFEATED**
junior Andy Hawkins**HEARTBREAKING**
senior Stuart Steenhoek**EXCITING**
junior Trent Sikkema**AWESOME**
junior Josh Smith**UNSTOPPABLE**
senior Aaron Bloodsworth**FUN**
junior Mike Edwards**MEMORABLE**
senior Kevin VanDyke**MAGNIFICENT**
junior Bryce Steenhoek

Scoreboard

Varsity: 10-1

Pella 37, Washington 20
 Pella 44, Oskaloosa 13
 Pella 41, Knoxville 25
 Pella 47, Ballard-Huxley 28
 Pella 44, Norwalk 0
 Pella 49, Chariton 21
 Pella 56, Saydel 6
 Pella 50, Clarke 6
 Pella 56, Nevada 6
Districts:
 Pella 49, Perry 27
 Atlantic 15, Pella 14

VARSITY FOOTBALL. Mike Van Dusseldorp, Jon Vermeer, Drew Wilson, Dustin De Haan, Joe Burch, Daniel Vichhart, Jon Miller, Marc Kucinski, Chakong Vue, Matt Terlouw, Jacob Vaverka, Trent Sikkema, Michael Langenfeld.
ROW 2: Coach Matt Shulte, Jasen Laverman, Josh Smith, Taylor Brummel, Bryan Vander Meiden, Chris Corbin, Tyler Roose, Jeff Steenhoek, Klayton Korver, Nick Mulder, Jim Dingeman, Chris Vos, Zach Van Horn, Chris Durham, Tim Lewendorp, Coach Jay Mc Kinstrey. **ROW 3:** Coach Craig Wassenaar, Brady Van Vark, Matt Van Maanen, Jeremy Olsen, Ryan Salter, Bryce Steenhoek, Joe Knight, Jon Erickson, Jason Pfadenhauer, Michael Salz, Lucas Waits, Caleb Seelye, Ray J. Lovell, D.J. Henle, Andy Hawkins, Collin Knoll, Coach Mike Vos. **ROW 4:** Coach Roger DeWaard, Mike Edwards, Jason Dahm, Stuart Steenhoek, Chris Shrout, Ben Bollard, Kevin Van Dyke, Andrew Kinne, Billy Fox, Scott Well, Luke Ballenger, Tyler Cowman, Vance Schuring, Aaron Bloodsworth, Dustin Eick, Coach Brian Huddle.

Honors

All-State: Elite: **Vance Schuring**. First team defense: **Klayton Korver**. First team offense: **Tyler Roose, Schuring**. Second team defense: **Nick Mulder**.

All District: First team defense: **Mulder, Korver, Ryan Salter, Ben Bollard, Schuring**; First team offense: **Roose, Ray J. Lovell, Schuring, Billy Fox, Chris Shrout**; Second team defense: **Joe Burch, Aaron Bloodsworth, Tyler Cowman**; Second team offense: **D.J. Henle, Luke Ballenger**.

41-25•Knoxville



"I thought it was our toughest game of the season so far. I'm just glad we pulled it together and came out with a win over the Knoxville Panthers."

Senior **Chris Shrout**

49-21•Chariton

"Chariton was a big game because we were both undefeated and both pretty good teams. But we worked hard during the week and came out ready to play on Friday."

Junior **Mike Edwards**



37-20•Washington



"You're always fired up for the first game, but along with that comes jitters and mistakes. We got through those and played well. We won, that's what matters."

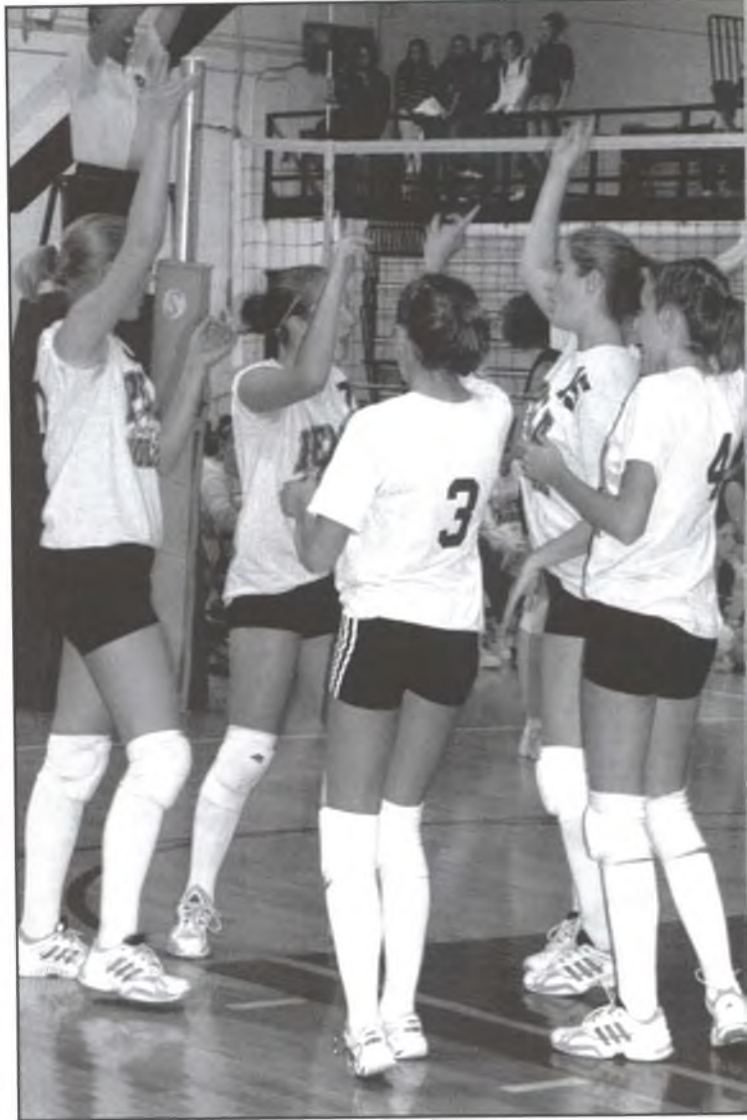
Senior **Billy Fox**

timeout



◆ Freshmen **Hillary Van Horn** gets ready to set the ball. "We ended up winning the Pella Christian tournament and having lots of fun. We played really hard and played really well as a team. It was a struggle playing against some really good teams, but we accomplished a lot at the tournament and throughout our season," said **Van Horn**. The freshmen team won the Pella Christian tournament in pool play against four teams, including Pella Christian, Knoxville, Oskaloosa and Davis County. Freshmen **Laurel Van Dusseldorp** served 13 of 13 points against Oskaloosa.

◆ The JV girls gather after scoring a point at the Pella Christian tournament. "The Pella Christian tournament was the highlight of our season. It ended up being a very late night, but we stayed pumped up to win the tournament and beat Pella Christian," said junior **Chris Buitenwerf**. The tournament started at 5 p.m. and ended at 10:30 p.m. on a school night. The games were all scheduled to be played at Pella Christian, but because of time, three games were played here. Pella beat Pella Christian and won the tournament despite losing in preliminary competition to the Pella Christian freshmen.



In Your Own Words

JV/freshmen experience bond despite high numbers

▲ "Being with all of the sophomores on the JV team has been lots of fun. I loved learning all their unique cheers and teaching them some of my own. The best cheers we did were the marching cheer and the potato cheer. The cheers brought our team together before every game, and it helped our team grow closer together as friends," said junior **Jordy Bloodsworth**.

▲ "We did really good in our overall season. A really great part of the season was winning three tournaments. It showed us that all of our hard work paid off.

We have a lot of great memories and some of the funni-

est inside jokes especially between sophomore **Luisa Orticelli** and I. I'm really going to miss playing with this team when I move," said sophomore **Laura Mitchell**. **Mitchell** moved to Kentucky during Thanksgiving break. She will participate in a program that is only in its second year next fall.

▲ "Practicing with the varsity and watching their games inspired us to play better. At the end of the season we celebrated by having ice cream and watching some of our games.

The Pella Christian tournament was a highlight of our season, and winning it brought our team together," said freshman **Suzanne Wares**.

▼ "The season was a lot of fun, but it was a big struggle with twenty-one players. Losing to Knoxville at the end of our season was a big letdown because we were undefeated, and we ended up tying for conference champions," said freshman **Ashley Meirick**.

▼ "We did a really good job at the Pella Christian tournament, but I couldn't be there. I still got a medal, though. I really enjoyed volleyball this year, and it felt like the whole team got along really well," said freshman **Angela McNaughton**.

▼ "I thought our volleyball season was great. We had a lot of

wins, and it was a lot of fun getting to know the sophomores.

A bad thing was that some of the juniors didn't get as much varsity experience this year as we would have liked, and some things were conducted unfairly throughout the season. Hopefully next year we can have a great season, one that gives us all a fair chance," said junior **Danielle Brillhart**.

▼ "When we first started doing circuits, I dreaded it, but the feeling you get when you're done is exhilarating," said freshman **Megan Renaud**. However, on a positive note, **Renaud** said she really enjoyed being with her friends on the team.

•Luisa Orticelli

JV/9th VB

I Remember ...

"Winning three tournaments and getting medals made our year great."

Junior
Lindsey Vander Wert



FRESHMEN. Angela McNaughton, Shelly Nunnikhoven, Sierra Smith, Megan Dahlin, Brenna Boat. ROW 2: Lindsey Jansen, Kiley Phillips, Janell Bollard, Ashley Meirick, Laurel Van Dusseldorp, Jessica Terlouw. ROW 3: Suzanne Wares, Tiffany Alft, Pady Fontana, Beatriz Mate-Kodjo, Megan Renaud, Rachel Lent, Stephanie Fleenor, Natalia Plahotnaya, Ashley Willemsen, Hillary Van Horn.

SCOREBOARD - 9th - 6-1, LHC Co-Champs; 13-4-11, overall

Ottumwa	0-2	Waukee	2-0
Waukee	1-1	Oskaloosa	2-1
Norwalk	1-1	Pella Christian 1	1-1
Knoxville	0-2	Davis County	1-1
Boone	2-0	Oskaloosa	1-1
Newton	2-0	Knoxville	1-1
SE Polk	1-1	Pella Christian 2	1-1
Ames	1-1	Knoxville	2-0
Urbandale A	0-2	Oskaloosa	2-0
Hoover	2-0	Grinnell	2-0
Oskaloosa	2-0	Knoxville	1-2
Norwalk	2-1	Pella Christian	2-0
Pella Christian	1-1	Norwalk	2-0
Grinnell	1-1		

Coach's CORNER

"I was excited about the season and the girls' efforts. Winning the conference championship was a thrill for them."

9th Grade Coach
Bryant Hancock

"The JV season was very exciting. We had more matches this year, and the experience helped for a succesful season."

JV Coach
Brenda Versteeg



JV. Erika Engelbrecht, Stacey De Joode, Kelly Hudson, Laura Mitchell, April Stursma. ROW 2: Monica Davids, Sarah Benedict, Alli Linn, Takara Hrdlicka, Lindsey Vander Wert, Danielle Brillhart, Becky Steenhoek, Luisa Orticelli, Jaci Terlouw.

SCOREBOARD - JV - 5-2, LHC; 14-5-6, overall

Ottumwa	2-0	PCM	1-0
Boone	1-2	PCM	1-1
Newton	1-2	Davis County	2-0
SE Polk	2-0	Pella Christian	0-2
Oskaloosa	2-0	Pella Christian	2-0
Waukee	1-2	Knoxville	2-0
NU High	2-0	Boone	1-1
STC	2-0	Oskaloosa	1-1
Union	0-2	Knoxville	1-1
Eldora/NP	2-0	Pella Christian	2-0
Union	2-0	Norwalk	2-0
Grinnell	2-0		
Newton	2-0		
Knoxville	1-1		

VOLLEYBALL

service six-pack ace foot fault kill
top spin attack sideout
setting sprawl



Angela Lothi



Allison Mansueto



Lindsay Korver

Block Party

Volleyball girls win district and have a

•Allison Mansueto

▲The Ups▲

▲The Dutch broke a losing streak when they defeated Oskaloosa, something they hadn't accomplished for 20 years. The girls won in four games.

▲Seven seniors, five of them starters, were a part of the team. "Being our last year, our team has really grown close together, all of the girls are really supportive of each other. We make everything fun, from bus rides, to team meals, to two hour long games," said senior **Heather Kraayenbrink**.

▲The Lady Dutch quickly defeated crosstown rival Pella Christian in three straight games, something they hadn't accomplished in 10 years. "PC games are always ones I look forward to. Their team was really good (they qualified for the state tournament), and sweeping them in three games was awesome. Both teams gave a lot of effort," said junior **Angela LoThi**.

▼The Downs▼

▼Saturday tournaments were a way of life for more than a month for the varsity volleyball team. "Don't get me wrong. I love volleyball a lot, but the five early Saturday morning tournaments in a row was tiresome for even the best volleyball players - our team. It was still fun to play no matter what," said senior **Tremaine Versteeg**.

▼Conditioning, including warm-ups, circuit, and stair laps, was a large part of volleyball. "No matter how much we griped about conditioning, it was to our benefit," said junior **Rachel Barnes**.

▼The hardest part of the sports season was seeing it all come to an end. The Lady Dutch had a tough finish in their sub-state loss to Oskaloosa. "I think we didn't believe we could lose. After we won 15-2, we didn't have in our mind we could lose the next two games," said Coach **Mary Carnell**.



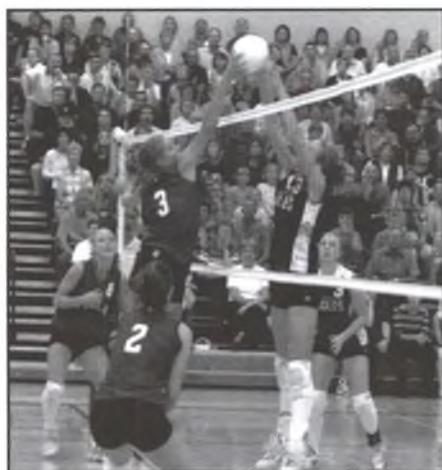
Senior **Tremaine Versteeg** digs up a hit from Mediapolis. Pella split 1-1. **Versteeg** led the Dutch in digs with a total of 375.



Senior **Jena Marlow** sets up her teammate to spike against Pella Christian. The Dutch dominated 3-0. **Marlow** made First Team All-Conference. **Marlow** had a total of 2,126 good sets throughout the entire season.



Junior **Rachel Barnes** cheers on her teammates in the regional final game against Oskaloosa.



◆Senior **Heather Kraayenbrink** tips the ball over the net in the match against crosstown rival Pella Christian. After three hard fought games the Dutch won, 3-0. **Kraayenbrink** was team leader in dinks with 85 'good' dinks. She also had 205 blocks during the season. ◆Senior captain **Tracy Marlow** goes up to spike in the district game against Newton. The Dutch swept Newton in three games. **Marlow** had 846 attacks to lead the team. **Marlow** ended the season by being chosen to play on the IGCA All-Star Team. Additionally, she was a first team all-conference player in the Little Hawkeye Conference.



BITTERSWEET
senior Lindsay Korver

UNITY
senior Tracy Marlow

SPLENDID
senior Tremaine Versteeg

TEAMMATES
junior Alison Corbett

DETERMINATION
senior Morgan Kelly

UNFORGETTABLE
senior Jena Marlow

EXCITING
junior Micaela Grob

SPIRIT
senior Aleisha Brummel

MEMORABLE
senior Heather Kraayenbrink

EXTRAORDINARY
junior Angela LoThi

Scoreboard

Varsity: 25-6-6 overall; 2nd in LHC

Ottumwa	3-0	Pella Christian	3-0
Newton Triangular	1st	Pella Invite	2nd
Boone	1-3	Norwalk	3-0
Waukee	3-0	Knoxville Tourn.	2nd
Oskaloosa	3-1	Grinnell	3-0
Urbandale Tourn.	5th	S. Tama Tourn.	1st
Knoxville	3-1	Newton Tourn.	3rd
Districts:			
		S.E. Polk	3-0
		Newton	3-0
		Oskaloosa	2-3

Honors

All-State Third Team: Senior **Tracy Marlow**

IGCA All-Star Team: Senior **Tracy Marlow**

All Conference

First team: Seniors **Tracy Marlow, Jena Marlow**

Second team: Seniors **Heather Kraayenbrink, Tremaine Versteeg**

Honorable Mention: Seniors **Lindsay Korver, Morgan Kelly**



VOLLEYBALL. Manager Katelyn DePenning, Lindsay Korver, Tracy Marlow, Rachel Barnes, Lacey Beyer, Allison Mansueto, Coach Mary Carnell **ROW 2:** Aleisha Brummel, Angela LoThi, Tremaine Versteeg, Alison Corbett **ROW 3:** Lara Van Wyk, Micaela Grob, Jena Marlow, Heather Kraayenbrink, Morgan Kelly.

9-29•Knoxville



"The Knoxville match was a blast, and it's always fun to beat one of Pella's biggest rivals."

Sophomore
Allison Mansueto

10-8•Pella Christian

"As seniors this was the last time we would ever play them, so we were determined to win. We came out and executed and it was awesome!"

Senior
Lindsay Korver



11-5•Oskaloosa



"Since we had high hopes for the season, losing at sub-state was a real disappointment. It was hard to know you'll never play with your teammates again."

Senior **Tracy Marlow**

timeout



◆Freshman **Paige Nelson** moves toward the finish line in her first cross country race in Pella - the Pella Invitational held Sept. 7. "I really wanted to run with the 'faster girls,' and I pushed my self to catch up to them. It was hard, but I did it!" **Nelson** said. **Nelson** placed 24th in that race, and then went on to claim all-conference honors after finishing 14th in the Little Hawkeye Conference meet held in Knoxville. Four teammates joined her as all-conference selections.



◆Although he battled mono at the beginning of the season, junior **Dan George** was able to run in eight meets. "I had mono for the fourth time at the beginning of the season! It forced me to not run for awhile," said **George**. **George** did place fifth in JV competition at the Pella Invitational Sept. 7. ◆It was a four-peat for senior **Ryan TerLouw** as he earned a spot in the state meet for the fourth time after placing sixth at districts. He was 14th at state, his best-ever finish at state.



MOVIN' ON UP

Changing from 2A to 3A means tough competition

▲With a new coach - Bryan Kime - and a new team classification - up a class from 2A to 3A - the team worked hard, maybe even harder than before. "This year in cross country we got moved up a class, so we were the smallest school in 3A. Even though we had a tough competition, we pulled together as a team and ended up winning several of our meets. We all worked really hard and did our best, and that is all we could have done. Overall, we had a great season," said senior **Mary Hiemstra**

▲The Little Hawkeye Conference (LHC) meet was one anticipated

by many team members. At the meet held in Knoxville, both girls' and boys' teams placed first. "The highlight of the season was when we won conference at Knoxville," said junior **Todd Schuring**.

▲A windy and cold season didn't stop the cross country teams from claiming championships at Little Hawkeye Conference (Oct. 15). Senior **Ryan Ter Louw** said, "At the conference meet, the wind was gusting, and it seemed to be 30 below 0. The hills were like mountains, and frost bite was overcoming our team. Despite the brutal and harsh conditions, our team pulled out the victory for the third consecutive year."

▼It was a cold fall at times for outside fall sports. Having to wear short shorts didn't help the situation. Sophomore **Taylor Lind** wasn't very happy about the shorts.

"Sometimes the practices weren't fun, but the short shorts seemed to find a way to give me a monstrous wedgie. They were very breezy and were very cold at meets," **Lind** said.

Senior **Tera Behning** didn't like the weather either. "The cold and rainy weather made it very hard to run," she said. "The wind and rain at districts was very difficult to run in."

▼A change in class hit the cross country team as Pella moved from

2A to 3A (Pella was the smallest 3A school). Junior **Amber Breuklander** said, "Cross country was a lot more difficult this year than it had been in the past. Not making it to state was really hard for us, especially the seniors who have gone every other year in high school," **Breuklander** said.

▼The cross country teams had good overall success but not much crowd support. "It was a great season but I was disappointed by the amount of support at our away meets," said senior **Adan Chenoweth**. "I think people would enjoy watching the races. Other sports receive all the publicity."

•Brittany McCull

Cross Country

I Remember ...

"We were at Tera Behning's house for team meal, and I leaned across the couch to get my lemonade while Justin

Caldwell was going after the cell phone, and Michelle Hiemstra tried getting it back. Then they knocked me over, and the lemonade went all over Michelle and I."

Freshman
Clare Stofferahn



GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY. Tera Behning, Mary Hiemstra, Heather Lukens. **ROW 2:** Sarah Stuckey, Paige Nelson, Clare Stofferahn, Megan Renaud. **ROW 3:** Coach Bryan Kime, Amber Breuklander, Lindsay Blair, Michelle Hiemstra, Assistance Coach Suzy Van Wyngarden.

SCOREBOARD - GIRLS'

Southeast Polk	2nd	
Pella Invitational	2nd	All-Conference: Clare
Grinnell	2nd	Stofferahn, Tera Behning,
Davis County	1st	Amber Breuklander, Mary
South Tama	2nd	Hiemstra, Paige Nelson
Newton	2nd	
Knoxville	1st	
Centerville	3rd	
LHC Meet	1st	
Chariton	1st	

Coach's

CORNER

"It was an awesome experience, not just personally to be part of the school system. It was an overwhelming feeling to be able to be part of the team. I'm very excited for another season next year."

Coach Bryan Kime

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"The season went really well. There are a lot of things to coaching that I've never thought about before. It was a good experience."

Assistant Coach
Suzy Van Wyngarden



BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY. Brad Janssen, Phillip Davidson, Cory Fitzsimmons, Derek Russell, Bruno Ortice. **ROW 2:** Todd Schuring, Josh Pommer, Taylor Lind, Casey Flanagan, Chris Orr, Justin Caldwell. **ROW 3:** Brian Melhus, Dan George, Ryan Ter Louw, Adam Chenoweth, Coach Bryan Kime, Assistant Coach Suzy Van Wyngarden.

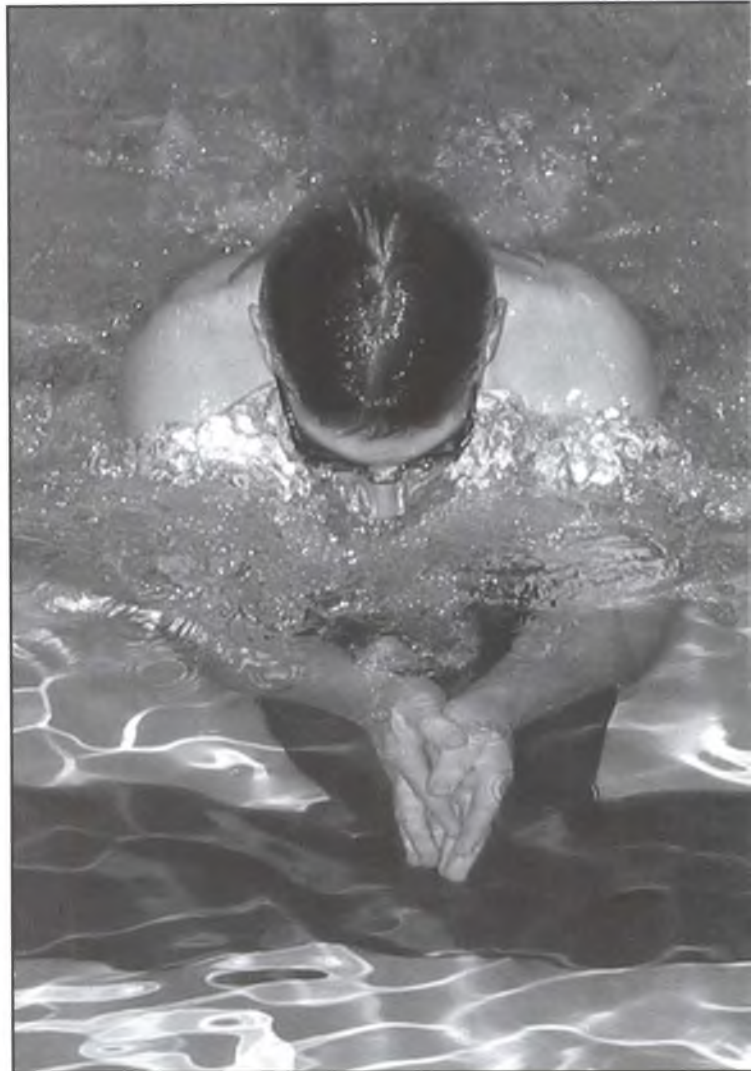
SCOREBOARD - BOYS'

Southeast Polk	3rd	
Pella Invitational	2nd	All-Conference: Ryan
Grinnell	2nd	Ter Louw, Taylor Lind,
Davis County	1st	Todd Schuring
South Tama	1st	
Newton	9th	
Knoxville	2nd	
Centerville	2nd	
LHC Meet	1st	
Chariton	1st	



◆Senior **Nicole Beyer** prepares herself for early morning swim practice at the Pella Indoor Pool. **Beyer** got ready for districts by practicing her 200-free and 500-free events. Practices were crucial to the NCMP (Newton-Colfax-Mingo-Pella) swimming team. "Practices were where our team gained support and encouragement, learned failure and success and realized the need to work together in order to achieve dreams," said **Beyer**.

◆Swimming the 100-breast stroke is freshman **David Visser**. **Visser** said he enjoyed his first year on the swim team and felt the season was very successful. Even without a big supportive team, working together and using a lot of effort gave the swim team a sense of confidence. "We didn't really have a lot of guys go out for swimming, but we did have a lot of talent. When we put all the talent together, we were a successful team," said **Visser**.



All-American Girl

Bensink receives All-American consideration

▲Junior **Emily Bensink** was voted District Swimmer of the Year during districts in Marshalltown. At districts, the 200-freestyle relay (**Bensink**, **Beyer** and Pella Christian senior **Amanda Wetter**) set a new NCMP record. The team placed first and went on to state.

"I felt very honored to be named District Athlete of the Year. It was voted by the coaches by performance and sportsmanship, so it was nice to be recognized for those reasons," said **Bensink**.

▲**Bensink** swam the 50-free and 100-free at state while **Beyer** swam the 200-freestyle. Both **Bensink** and **Beyer** swam the

400-free relay. The NCMP tied for ninth place among 40 schools. Put on the medal stand was **Beyer** and **Bensink** after finishing sixth in the 400-free relay. **Bensink's** time in the 50-free (24:43) qualified her for All-American consideration.

▲The Pella swimmers swam with the Ottumwa Bulldogs and placed fourth at state.

"Earning fourth place at state was an awesome experience. Even though I didn't get to swim at the state meet, it was a lot of fun to cheer on the team. After working so hard and pulling together, it was great for the team to be at state," said junior **Chris Landon**.

▼Junior **Lacy May** was the first and only diver in Pella High swim team history. Although the season went well for **May**, it was also very tough.

"One thing that frustrated me was that at the end of the season, I started to hit the board. I enjoy diving when I do well, but when I don't, it can be a very dangerous sport," said **May**.

▼Throughout the season, the boys' swim team traveled to Ottumwa for practices. While the team enjoyed practicing with other schools, some felt the driving was a hassle.

"The bad thing about the season was driving to Ottumwa every day and having to listen to whatever

the driver wanted to listen to on the radio," said freshman **David Visser**.

▼For the boys' swimming team, losing the Ames meet was a big disappointment.

"Losing my very first meet was a big letdown. It was also very disappointing to the team because Pella has not lost this meet in at least three years," said freshman **Paul Michaels**.

Even though this was his first year swimming, **Michaels** said he enjoyed the team/coaches. Swimming the 100-breast stroke and the 50-freestyle gave **Michaels** the chance to enjoy the season and work on his swimming skills.

•**Danielle Newendorp**

relays
diving board
pool
team
free style
meets
stopwatch
swimcaps
goggles
records

Remember ...

"It was great to swim a 2:32 in my 200-individual medley. Dropping three seconds from my previous time was a great feeling."

Junior Cricket VandenBerg



GIRLS' SWIMMING. Nicole Beyer, Emily Bensink, Cricket VandenBerg, Lacy May.

SCOREBOARD

Urbandale	89-96
Indianola	50-44
Southeast Polk	53-41
West Des Moines Dowling	94-92
Ames	109-74
West Des Moines Valley Inv.	175
Mason City	57-44
Fort Dodge	111-75
Marshalltown	87-99
West Des Moines Valley	70-116
Districts	3rd

Junior **Emily Bensink** was named to first team all-state in the 50-freestyle, second team in the 100-freestyle.

Coach's

"The girls swam a great season; they all worked really hard. I was very impressed with all their efforts."

Coach Sarah Patterson

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"The Pella boys made a big contribution; they won the team many points. Next year's team will be pretty good. We will definitely build around them using this year's accomplishments."

Coach Mike McWilliams



BOYS' SWIMMING. David Visser, Paul Michaels, Chris Landon.

SCOREBOARD

Ames	Loss
Roosevelt	Win
Marshalltown	Loss
Des Moines Hoover Inv.	Win
Des Moines North	Win
Burlington Inv.	3rd
Des Moines Lincoln	Win
Des Moines East	Win
Urbandale Inv.	2nd
Districts	2nd

Freshman **David Visser** swam the breaststroke in the 200-medley relay at state. The Bulldogs placed fourth of 24 schools.

dance
heads
kicks
cheer
loud
spirit
splits
twirl
stretch
pom-poms
toe touch

FORTÉ

CHEERLEADERS



Liesel Schroder



Katie Kniff



Emily Filer

FIRST RATE

Cheerleaders, Forté perform for state audiences

● Brittany McCulla

▲The Ups▲

▲Being on a team can be a fun way to meet new people. "Being in Forté really helped me to get to know people. It was a really good experience, and in our season we did really well," said freshman **Laurel Van Dusseldorp**, a member of the Forté's white squad.

▲It was hard to support the wrestlers at a meet when no one was told the meet had been changed to another town, but that didn't stop the fun for the cheerleaders. "The best part about the season was when the wrestling meet was changed, and the cheerleaders were not told. We got lost trying to find the new location. It was just loads of laughs," said senior **Abby Van Dusseldorp**, wrestling cheerleader.

▲"I thought the football season was really fun, and I liked working with the other girls. I made a lot of friends through it. I also love flying (a stunt)," said freshman **Michelle Mitchell**, football cheerleader.

▼The Downs▼

▼Cheerleading was fun and a good experience for some, but for most of the girls, their weekends were taken over by it. "It was bad that we had games Friday nights, and that it took up a lot of my time," said senior **Lindsay McFarland**, basketball cheerleader.

▼Along with all the practices there also came many late night competitions. "We had to get up so early for competition, and we didn't get home until late," said freshman **Erika TerLouw**, a member of Forté's white squad.

▼Along with meeting new people and supporting the teams, there was always something that cheerleaders dreaded doing when it had to do with getting up early. Freshman **Sara Collins** wasn't enthused with early morning wrestling meets. "It was really hard getting up early on Saturday mornings for the wrestling meets," said **Collins**, wrestling cheerleader.



Senior **Abby Van Dusseldorp** cheers to pump up the wrestlers. The overall wrestling record was 7-7.



Freshman **Ashley Dorman** concentrates to stay in beat. The White Squad performed during halftime at the varsity girls' basketball games.

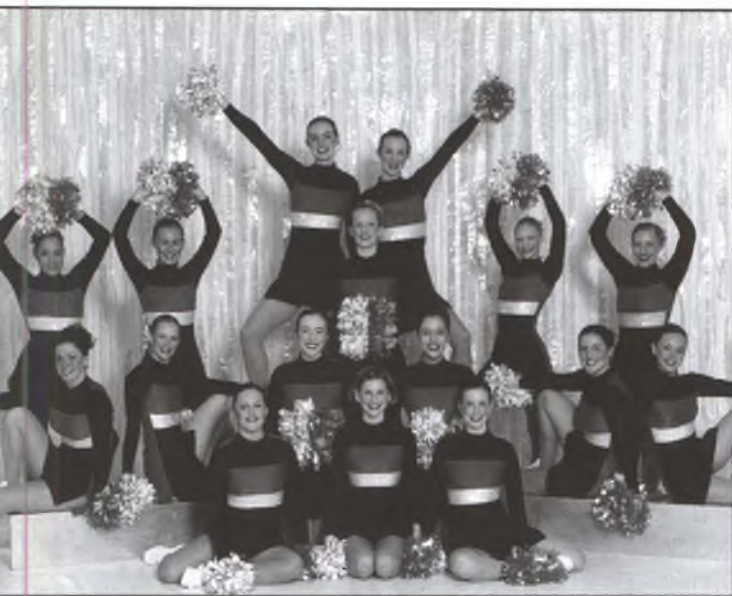


Freshman **Michelle Mitchell** shows school spirit as she does a toe touch to cheer for the varsity football team.



◆Boys' basketball cheerleaders **Kristin Sytsma**, senior, **Alison Mason**, sophomore, and **Katie Kniff** and **Nicole Beyer**, seniors, and their squad tried new cheers and stunts for the 2002-2003 season. This was their second year to perform stunts, their first to try new stunts, such as a twist, an extension, and a split mount. The team was led by **DeAnne Negley** and assistant coach **Amanda Larson**. "With a new coach this year, we learned new stunts and got them worked out into games," said **Beyer**. ◆Sophomore **Sara Steenhoek** and the green squad performed their jazz routine at the parent Preview Night held Dec. 2.





GREEN SQUAD. Annie Carlson, Naina Barnett, Suzie Steenhoek. **ROW 2:** Emily [unclear], Jessica Dingeman, Sophie Linn, Megan McCombs, Ashley Braun, Kelly Eysink. **ROW 3:** Ashley Roorda, Chelsea Pelland, Lindsay Graham, Courtney Fleenor, Kyrsten [unclear]. **ROW 4:** Sara Steenhoek, Annie TerLouw.



WHITE SQUAD. Brianna Yborrola, Brianna Garrard, Katelyn Dingeman, Heather Ross, Kayla Lewis. **ROW 2:** Lacey Pender, Erika Engelbrecht, Jenny Veenstra, Laurel Van Dusseldorp, Megan Bender. **ROW 3:** Sara Langham, Alyssa Haman, Ashley Dorman, Blair Verhoef, Luisa Orticelli, Erika TerLouw, Liesel Schroder.



RESTLING. Abby Van Dusseldorp, April Rus. **ROW 2:** Kay Haustein, Heidi Steenhoek, Sara [unclear], Jennifer Torres.

Forté Individual Awards. **Green Squad:** Senior Ashley Braun, Most Admired; junior Lindsay Graham, Member of the Year; senior Emily Filer, Outstanding Dancer; seniors Annie Carlson and Jessica Dingeman, Golden Apple; sophomore Naina Barnett, Outstanding Performer; junior Kelly Eysink, Outstanding Rookie; sophomore Chelsea Pelland, Most Improved; sophomore Ashley Roorda, Funniest Member. **White Squad:** Junior Jenny Veenstra, Most Admired; sophomore Heather Ross, Golden Apple; sophomores Brianna Ybarrola and Luisa Orticelli, Most Improved; sophomore Blair Verhoef, Best Performer; sophomore Lacey Pender, Best Dance Technique; freshman Liesel Schroder, Best Rookie. **Forté Group Awards.** **Green Squad:** Iowa State Drill/Dance Association State Championships, Distinguished Academic Award (3.25-4.00), Division I rating: Class IX Pom, Class VII Dance Funk Jazz, Large Military, First Place Class IX Pom, Second Place Class VII Dance Funk Jazz, First Place Large School Military. **White Squad:** Marching Auxiliaries Midwest Regional, Division I Rating (90-100 points) Super Sweepstakes, Military, Pom, Prop, Outstanding Choreography in: Pom, Prop, Military, Outstanding Technique, Winner All-State Cup (Top 15 Teams).



FOOTBALL. Michelle Mitchell, Kate Sloan, April Rus. **ROW 2:** Skyler Dobernecker, Danielle Jacobson, Sarah Vos.



BASKETBALL. Kristin Sytsma, Nicole Beyer, Katie Kniff. **ROW 2:** Aleisha Brummel, Lindsay McFarland. **ROW 3:** Alison Mason.

WRESTLING

take down reversal pin point
weight single leg technical headlock
back points brackets head gear

Jon Miller



Ray J. Lovell



Drew Wilson



DETERMINED

Wrestlers work harder after loss to Boone

●Jaimie Fuller

▲The Ups▲

▲Having a great start to the season pumped up many wrestlers. They started the season off undefeated with three wins in dual meets. "We started off the season great. It gave us the confidence to do well," said junior **Brian Melhus** (140). **Melhus** was fifth in the Little Hawkeye Conference.

▲At the season's beginning, junior **Joe Burch** (145) set goals for himself. "The season was pretty good. I reached my goals, and I've already set one for next year - to make it to state," said **Burch**. **Burch** was second in the LHC.

▲The first win of the season is one to remember. For freshman **Andrew Doyle** (103), he'll never forget his first victory in high school wrestling. "My most memorable moment from the season had to be my first victory. I'll never forget the feeling," said **Doyle**. **Doyle** will also never forget wrestling against a girl. "It was interesting. I didn't want to wrestle her, but the coach wanted me to," said **Doyle**. **Doyle** finished his season as the fifth place finisher in the LHC.

▼The Downs▼

▼With the start of 3-0, the wrestlers went into the Grinnell meet with heads held high, but the turnout wasn't something they expected. Grinnell put a stop to the winning streak on Jan. 9. "We went into the meet with confidence and left with a learned lesson. You win some, you lose some," said senior **Matt Lahvic** (171).

▼An anticipated meet for most wrestlers was the Boone meet. "They were a senior dominated team, and we didn't match up particularly well. Some of our better wrestlers were matched up with even better Boone wrestlers. I thought we wrestled well, but Boone was a good team, and we're going to have to work hard to get to their level," said Coach **Bryant Hancock**.

▼Losing important members to the team was another huge let down of the season. "Out of the many injuries we had, we lost some of the better wrestlers. That was one of the things that brought us down, but we did what we could without them," said freshman **Tim Elzing** (160).



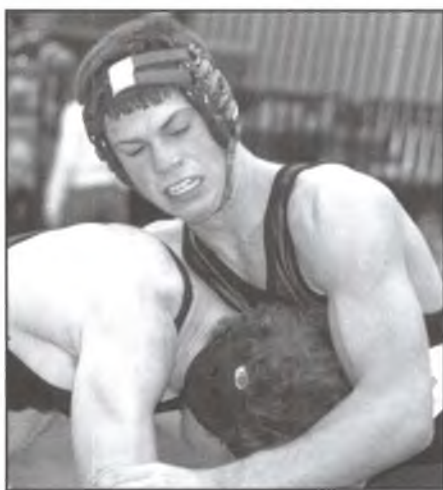
Junior **Andy Hawkins** goes for a take-down against his heavyweight opponent **John Watts** from Oskaloosa on Jan. 23.



Struggling to get out of a hold, sophomore **Wade Hamre** tries a reversal against one of his 160-pound opponents at the Pella Invitational.



Senior **Zach Van Horn** gets himself into a tight position against his Oskaloosa opponent. **VanHorn** wrestled in the 171-pound weight class and ended the season with a 22-15 record.



◆**TAKE DOWN.** Senior **Russ Hoksbergen** tries to resist a take-down from his opponent at the Grinnell meet Jan. 9. "I thought the team did well this year. Even though we lost the Grinnell meet, it just gives us something to aim for in the future," said **Hoksbergen**. ◆**VICTORY.** Going in for a pin, freshman **Trevor Patch** struggles against his Knoxville opponent on Dec. 12. "It was a big boost for the team to win against Knoxville, and we started our year off great," said **Patch**.



GOOD
freshman Brad Janssen

FANTASTICAL
junior Justin Caldwell

HARD-WORKING
freshman Josh Bogaard

CHALLENGING
freshman Justin VerHeul

EXCITING
sophomore Wade Hamre

ENDURING
senior Ray J. Lovell

INTENSE
coach Bryant Hancock

FUN
freshman Troy Smith

INTERESTING
senior Jon Miller

UNIQUE
freshman Tim Elzinga



WRESTLING. Joe Burch, Drew Wilson, Zach VanWyk, Blake VanderMolen, Troy Smith, Andrew Doyle, Ben VanWyk, Brian Melhus. ROW 2: Tim Elzinga, Matt Ahvic, Justin VerHeul, Derek Roorda, Brad Janssen, Josh Bogaard, Justin Caldwell, D.J. Henle, Jon DeHaan. ROW 3: Wade Hamre, Ray J. Lovell, Zach VanHorn, Russell Hoksbergen, Andy Hawkins, Trevor Patch, Paul Davidson, Chris Durham, Jon Miller.

Remember ...

"I remember the multiple 'beatings' that Zach VanHorn and Jon Miller got from the assistant coach for mouthing off."

Senior D.J. Henle

Scoreboard

Varsity

Dallas Center Grimes Invite, 6th
Pella 48, Knoxville 30
Pella 39, Waukee 30
Pella Invite, 3rd
Grinnell 51, Pella 21
PCM Tournament, 6th
Pella 46, Norwalk 30
Centerville Invite, 12th
Pella 46, Centerville 30, Osceola 40
Oskaloosa 62, Pella 12
Williamsburg Tournament, 4th
Boone 71, Pella 4
Oskaloosa Dual Tournament:
Pella 51, Sigourney 30
Oskaloosa 63, Pella 12
Ottumwa 54, Pella 21
Pella 55, Oskaloosa JV 18
Pella 54, Tri-County 28
Little Hawkeye Conference, 5th
Ottumwa 51, Pella 9
Districts: 7th place
Little Hawkeye Conference Record: 3-3
Overall Record: 7-7

12-21•Pella Invite



1-16•Norwalk

"I ended up being the only wrestler during the JV match that night. It was a good meet. Starting off the night made me a little nervous."

**Freshman
Ben Van Wyk**

12-19•Waukee



"It was one of the best tournaments of the year. We put four guys into the finals and placed third behind two of the best teams in the state."

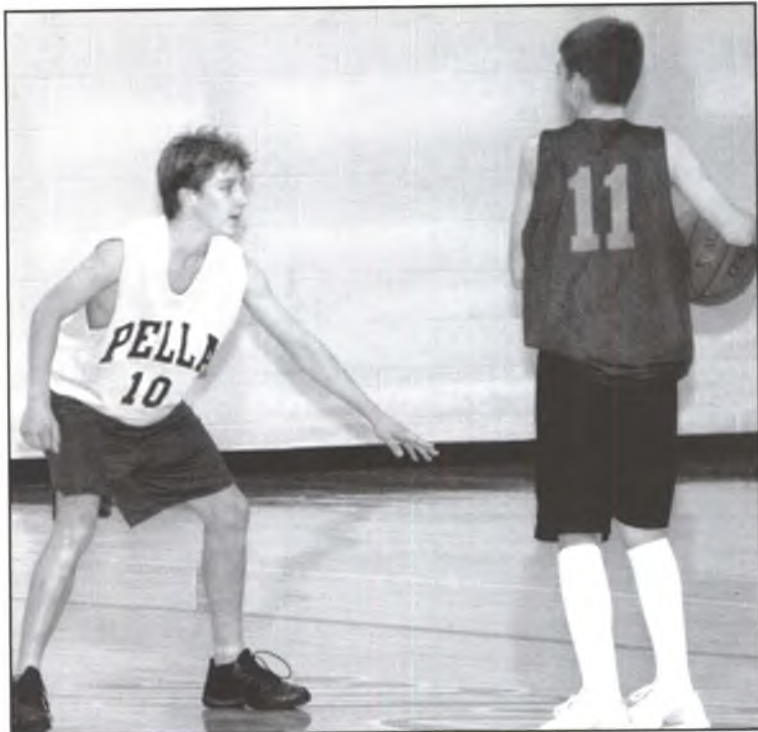
**Senior
Zach Van Wyk**



"It was possibly one of our best meets. It set the pace for the rest of our season."

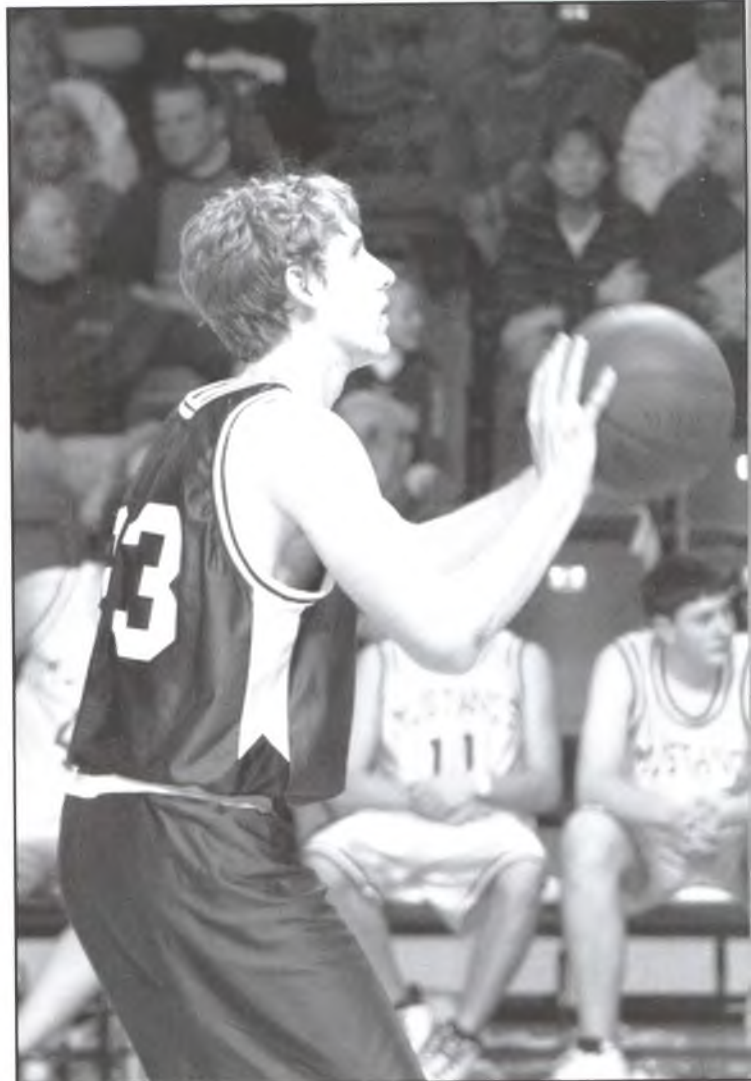
**Senior
Chris Durham**

timeout



◆The freshman beat Oskaloosa by two points with a score of 56-54. "Our home game against Oskaloosa was great. With a few seconds left in the game, Oskaloosa fouled us and freshman **Josh Youngman** shot two free throws and made both of them so we won the game. Our season ended up a lot better than I expected," said freshmen **Bret Vander Streek**, above. Their win against Oskaloosa brought them one step closer to winning the Little Hawkeye Conference.

◆JV had the opportunity to play in the Knapp Center at Drake because PCM's gymnasium could not hold the expected crowd. "The game against PCM at the Knapp Center was the best because there were so many fans, and there was a great atmosphere. It felt like we were pros standing below the crowd and the lights, plus I scored 27 points. The basketball season, as a whole, went really well. We had a lot of fun and won a lot of games," said sophomore **Travis Bogaard**, right.



Rising As One

Freshman win close games while JV comes together as a team

▲JV practiced with the varsity on certain occasions. "Our season had many ups and downs. Coach **Adam 'Ketchup' Hines** was a great coach but losing some games was a down. Having practice with the varsity helped out our basketball skills, especially guarding seniors **Pierce Hibma** and **Klayton Korver**, except when **Hibma** would dunk on us," said sophomore **Austin Ewell**.

▲ Athletes enjoyed practice and made lasting memories with their teammates. "This basketball season was excellent, fantastically swell. I couldn't ask to spend hours af-

ter school anywhere else but at school in the gym. God Bless the gym. This year there has been one specific moment that stands out in my mind as awesome: **Yupeng Jin's** (sophomore) three-point shot. He was a stud," said sophomore **Ryan Bettger**.

▲ Freshmen got revenge against Norwalk after three years. "Our second game against Norwalk was great because we had lost to them by one point three years in a row. The second time we played them this year, we schooled them, 56-32. The tough part about basketball was early morning basketball practice," said freshmen **Joel Weiler**.

▼ Sports teach many lessons about playing the game on and off the court and keeping your head up during the game.

"Our season was full of many good and bad experiences. At some points I got frustrated but other times I was very happy, like the time my man **Yupeng Jin** (sophomore) aced a trifecta on Pella Christian to win the game," said sophomore **Taylor Lind**.

▼Some games were more competitive and very close. The freshmen won many close games and lost others but improved throughout the season.

"The Pella Christian game stands out because we came back to beat them and made a lot of shots dur-

ing the second half. We didn't lose very many games during the season, so we had a very good season overall," said freshman **Ross Wa**

▼Freshmen started their season early in the morning at 6:15 a.m. Practices were held before school to give all the basketball team practice time in the gym.

"I liked the basketball season and Coach **Dave Bensink**, but I hated getting up every morning 5:30 to go to practice. We had some really close games and lost by one or two points a couple of times, but the times we won made up for those games," said freshmen **Jason Dole**.

•Luisa Ortice

offense guard rebound
free-throw lay-in
JV/9th BB
jumpshot foul
backboard forwards
court 3-pointer

I Remember ...

"Basketball season was good, and we were very successful playing as a team."

Sophomore
Bruno Orticelli



FRESHMEN. Matt Sample, Cody Sanders, Vince Mejia, Jay Mathes, Bret Vander Streek. **ROW 2:** Travis Chapman, Mitch McFarland, Jason Dole, Jason Kingma, Joel Weiler. **ROW 3:** Josh Youngman, Derek Van Wyk, Ross Way, Brett Newendorp.

SCOREBOARD - 9th- 8-3, LHC; 10-4, overall

Pella 28, Knoxville 23	Pella 35, Pella Christian 30
Norwalk 46, Pella 45	Pella 60, Grinnell 58
Pella 36, Waukee 49	Pella 42, Albia 9th 37
Albia JV 55, Pella 36	Pella 44, Grinnell 40
Pella 38, Pella Christian 30	Pella 56, Norwalk 32
Pella 51, Chariton 10	Pella 56, Oskaloosa 54
Pella 47, Boone 35	Knoxville 59, Pella 57

"The freshman season was a lot of fun for Coach Klyn and me. There was a great deal of team and individual improvement."

Coach Dave Bensink

"JV developed into a team instead of playing as a group of individuals. They developed the ability not to rely on one player but to rely on the entire team."

Coach Mike Van Wyk



JUNIOR VARSITY. Yupeng Jin, Cody Verros, Bruno Orticelli, Mike Vander Hoek, Addison Baccam, Drew Ryken. **ROW 2:** Justin Ver Steeg, Travis Bogaard, Austin Ewell, Kyle Dursky, Ryan Bettger, Taylor Lind.

SCOREBOARD -JV- 9-2, LHC; 15-5, overall

Pella 54, Knoxville 42	Pella 95, Oskaloosa 59
Pella 50, Norwalk 40	Pella 48, Norwalk 42
Pella 60, Pella Christian 58	Cedar Rapids Prairie 63, Pella 49
Waukee 59, Pella 43	Pella 70, Knoxville 53
Pella 60, Grinnell 42	Pella 80, Grinnell, 58
Pella 48, Chariton 38	Pella 68, Pella Christian 61
Waterloo East 88, Pella 48	Pella 75, PCM 59
Pella 46, Boone 34	Pella 56, Mt. Pleasant 49
Pella 81, South Tama 71	Washington 56, Pella 49
Pella 82, Albia 29	
Oskaloosa 60, Pella 51	

Boys' Basketball

score rebound lay-up free throw jump ball blocking passing dribbling defending shooting



Luke Ballenger



Jason Pfadenhauer



Brady Van Vleet

BACK-2-BACK

Little Dutch win a second state title at the Barn

•Sara Steenhock

▲The Ups▲

▲Working hard paid off this season for the boys' basketball team as they repeated as Class 3A State Champions at Veteran's Memorial Auditorium, Des Moines. "We won the ship!" said senior **Vance Schuring**.

▲The state tournament was enjoyed by many spectators and players. It proved what the Dutch could do on the court. "The best thing about the season was the whole time we were at the state tournament and playing at Vets. The highlight moment came when we won the championship and celebrated," said junior **Josh Smith**.

▲The Dutch walked off the court with two state championships under their belt and another season behind them. "Winning the championship was an up, the season ending was a down. But if it had to end, it was a good way to end," said senior **Klayton Korver**. **Korver** will play for Drake University, Des Moines, next year.

▼The Downs▼

▼The Dutch lost two games during the season, one to Grinnell, one to Waterloo East. Both games were away games. "It stunk when we lost to Waterloo East, 77-73. We led the whole game and in the fourth quarter, they came back and beat us," said junior **Nick Hartson**.

▼Due to a large team and a tough conference, playing time was limited for some of the players on the team. "I was screwed for playing time, and the bench wasn't comfy. Now, they have chairs," said senior **Micah Kraayenbrink**.

▼The state tournament allowed only 15 players to dress out for the games. This meant that one person did not get to dress. "(It was a down) when I found out I wouldn't play at state, but that just motivated me to work hard so it'll be different next year," said junior **Matt Goodyk**.



Junior **Josh Smith** goes for a shot at the home game against Knoxville. Pella won 52-50 in overtime.



Junior **Michael Langenfeld** makes a pass to a teammate at the Albion vs. Pella game. Pella won 71-36. "I had a blast. It was my first real varsity experience. It helped that I played well, and that gave me the confidence for the rest of the year," said **Langenfeld**.



Seniors **Jeff Dole**, **Micah Kraayenbrink**, **Aaron Bloodworth** and **Brandon Morgan** prepare to go on the floor at the PCM-Pella game. Pella won 65-55.



◆Senior **Vance Schuring**, junior **Josh Smith**, and senior **Billy Fox** enjoy the victory over Grinnell at the substate game. "It was sweet beating them by a lot; we proved nobody could play with us," said **Fox**.

◆The team listens intently as Coach **Mark Core** gives instructions during halftime at the Waterloo East game. "With the gym being packed, it made the atmosphere extremely fun to play in! Playing a good team like Waterloo East made the game even more challenging and exciting. Overall, it was a great experience," said senior **Nick Mulder**.



MEMORIES
junior Michael Langenfeld

UNFORGETTABLE
junior Brady Van Vark

EXCITING
junior Nick Hartson

MEMORABLE
senior Luke Ballenger

MOTIVATIONAL
junior Matt Goodyk

PINEY
senior Brandon Morgan

INSPIRATIONAL
coach Mike Ballenger

TWO
senior Billy Fox

INSPIRING
senior Jeff Dole



VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL. Vance Schuring, Brady Van Vark, Jeff Dole, Michael Langenfeld, Aaron Bloodsworth, Nick Hartson, Billy Fox, Micah Kraayenbrink
ROW 2: Jason Pfadenhauer, Matt Goodyk, Josh Smith, Pierce Hibma, Klayton Korver, Brandon Morgan, Nick Mulder, Luke Ballenger

Honors...

All-State Tournament Champions, LHC Champs
All-State 1st Team: **Pierce Hibma, Klayton Korver**
All-Tournament Team - **Hibma, Korver**, co-captains;
Student-Athlete Achievement Award, Class 3A: **Jeff Dole**
All-Conference:
1st Team: **Hibma, Korver** (both unanimous choices)
2nd Team: **Luke Ballenger, Vance Schuring, Nick Mulder**
Honorable Mention - **Billy Fox, Josh Smith**

Scoreboard

Varsity: 12-1, LHC; 24-2, overall

Pella 85, Norwalk 56	Pella 67, Pella Christian 44
Pella 75, Waukee 52	Pella 64, Knoxville 41
Pella 71, Albia 36	Pella 75, Boone 44
Pella 48, Grinnell 50	Pella 80, Oskaloosa 66
Pella 73, Waterloo East 77	Pella 65, PCM 55
Pella 52, Knoxville 50	Pella 75, Mt. Pleasant 52
Pella 65, Pella Christian 44	Pella 63, Washington 39
Pella 73, Oskaloosa 58	Districts-Pella 62, Knoxville 42
Pella 82, South Tama 46	Pella 75, Dallas Center-Grimes 38
Pella 62, Boone 54	Pella 76, Grinnell 55
Pella 53, Grinnell 51	State-
Pella, Waukee- Cancelled	Pella 68, Waverly-Shell Rock 47
Pella 72, Norwalk 38	Pella 58, Mount Vernon 42
Pella 57, C.R. Prairie 49	Pella 66, Harlan 52

All-State Academic Team: **Hibma**

Team Awards:

Perseverance Award: **Korver**

Leadership Award: **Hibma**

Best Practice Player Award: **Mulder**

Most Improved Player Award: **Smith**

Most Inspirational Player Award: **Fox**

Positive Attitude Award: **Jeff Dole**

53-51•Grinnell



*"It was the closest game I've ever played in. The crowd was great, it was intense, and **Pierce** had a great pass to **Nick** that got the victory."*

Senior
Klayton Korver

52-50•Knoxville

"We had an off night, but we still pulled out the win."

Senior
Pierce Hibma

(Hibma will play for Creighton University, Omaha, next season.)



67-44•Pella Christian



"It was a good game; it meant a lot to us to win because it was the last time we'd play Pella Christian."

Senior
Vance Schuring

timeout



◆Sophomore **Lindsey Blair** focuses on her free throw against Knoxville. The Lady Dutch won the game, 69-37. When the JV season was over, **Blair** practiced with the varsity team. Many of the players did not get the privilege of practicing with the varsity team, but to **Blair**, it was a highlight of the year. "It was a lot of fun and a great learning experience having the opportunity to practice with the varsity team," said **Blair**.

◆Dribbling down the court against Oskaloosa, freshman **Brenna Boat** runs down for a shot. **Boat** had her highest scoring game against Oskaloosa with six points which helped lead the team to their highest winning margin - 38 points - 67-29. Overall, the team felt they had a good season. "I think our team improved as the season went on and our team got along well," said **Boat**.



Coming Together

Freshmen, JV gain new friendships, victories

▲The freshmen girls' basketball record ended 9-5. Not only did the team have a winning record, but they also shared special moments. "Our team got along pretty well this year, though at times girls distanced themselves because they were upset about playing time. In the end, we all felt we had a great season," said freshman **Brenna Boat**.

▲As the JV/freshmen teams finished their game at Norwalk, they had the opportunity to stay to watch the varsity girls' basketball team. For sophomore **Takara Hrdlicka**, it was the highlight of her basketball season.

"A few members of the team stayed to watch the varsity game. We cheered our brains out watching the girls dominate," said **Hrdlicka**. Pella varsity won the game.

▲The freshmen girls had a moment most of them will never forget. After losing to Knoxville the first time they met during the season, 49-30, the team turned around and beat Knoxville in their second meeting, 48-41.

Freshman **Suzanne Wares**, and other players, found it to be a highlight of the season.

"The best accomplishment of our season was beating Knoxville for the first time," said **Wares**.

▼For the freshman basketball team, losing five of their games was a downfall of the season. "When we went into overtime with Grinnell and ended up losing, it became the hardest time for the team," said freshman **Sierra Smith**.

▼Due to the lack of space in the gym, freshmen had to practice early in the morning. Freshman **Paige Nelson** said this was the hardest part of the whole season. "The early morning practices were hard because they started at six in the morning," said **Nelson**.

▼Losing for the first time was a moment most of the JV players

remember, which became very hard on the whole team. Sophomore **Ashley VanDerHart** remembers her worst moment of the basketball season was losing to Oskaloosa, with a score of 46-30. "When we played Osky, we played our hearts out and it ended up being our first game that we lost," said **VanDerHart**.

▼The freshmen team had a moment of reality when they lost two in a row to Boone and Pella Christian. Freshmen **Janell Bollard** said it was a down point of the team's season. "We are the only team to lose two games in a row in Coach **Brian Huddle**'s career," said **Bollard**.

•Ashley Heidson

free throw steals
lay ups field goals fouls
morning practices lay-ups
passing team meals
plays block-outs dribbling

Coach's C O R N E R

I Remember ...



"The best moment was at our first PC game when they had a last-second shot to tie the game, but they missed it."

Junior Lyndsay Van Maaren



FRESHMEN GIRLS' BASKETBALL. Manager Megan Renaud, Sierra Smith, Hillary Van Horn, Jessica Terlouw, Ashley Meirick, Manager Ashley Willemssen, Kiley Philips. **ROW 2:** Brenna Boat, Paige Nelson, Anne Pitkin, Briana Pfadenhauer, Suzanne Wares, Janell Bollard, Chelsey Dahm, Amy DeZwarte, Manager Angela McNaughton.

"The freshman season went well because they won more games than they ever had, and they worked very hard. They were a very competitive team. They had a very successful season."

Coach Brian Huddle

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"The girls had an outstanding year. They played well as a team and progressively got better as the year went on."

Coach Corey Thorson



JV GIRLS' BASKETBALL. Lyndsay Van Maaren, Lindsy Blair, Bobbi Van Zante, Jordan Williams. **ROW 2:** Lindsey Vander Wert, Ali Linn, Ashley VanDerHart, Takara Hrdlicka. **ROW 3:** Coach Corey Thorson.

SCOREBOARD -9th- 7-5, LHC; 9-5, overall

Knoxville 49, Pella 30	Norwalk 59, Pella 43
Norwalk 36, Pella 29	Pella 48, Oskaloosa 33
Pella 55, Albia 26	Pella 48, Knoxville 41
Pella 52, Waukee 9	
Pella 47, Pella Christian 45	
Pella 67, Oskaloosa 29	
Grinnell 47, Pella 38	
Pella 42, Boone 36	
Pella 43, Pella Christian 26	
Pella 49, Grinnell 44	
Pella 47, Albia 31	

SCOREBOARD - JV - 10-2, LHC; 13-3, overall

Pella 41, Knoxville 36	Pella 62, Oskaloosa 48
Pella 44, Norwalk 36	Pella 51, Boone 34
Pella 39, South Tama 34	Pella 58, Indianola 33
Washington 57, Pella 28	Pella 39, PCM 29
Pella 53, Norwalk 40	Oskaloosa 46, Pella 35
Pella 69, Knoxville 37	Waukee Cancelled
Pella 38, Pella Christian 36	
Pella 84, Grinnell 54	
Pella 52, Waukee 27	
Pella 41, Grinnell 34	
Pella Christian 52, Pella 18	

Girls' Basketball

timeout jumpshot score jerseys defense rebound hoop forward backboard



Katelyn De Penning

Lindsay Korver

Tara Sorensen

Lara VanWyk

To The Top

Lady Dutch made third straight state appearance

•Angela LoTh

•The Ups•

▲After a loss to Pella Christian in January for the first time since 1998, the Lady Dutch got revenge in February by defeating the Eagles, 52-38.

▲Norwalk defeated the Dutch, 66-54, the first time they met in the season, but Pella won by a **Heather Kraayenbrink** (senior) field goal at the last second in the second game, 55-53.

▲Before the state game against Crestwood-Cresco, the varsity girls stayed at junior **Kristin Van Zee's** lake house. "It was a great time to enjoy each other and relax before our big game," said senior **Lindsay Korver**.

▲For the majority of the players, it was a third state appearance. In the 2002 season, a record was made by winning a game at state. This season, the Dutch won two games at the Barn, erasing their own record. They also erased their old record of 22 wins with 23 to end the season.

•The Downs•

▼Senior **Katelyn De Penning** broke her wrist on the senior trip to Fun Valley. "It was disappointing because I wasn't going to play for the rest of my senior year. It was hard to watch the girls at practice and games, but I tried my best to stay positive and find my role on the team," said **De Penning**. **De Penning** was able to play during a state game against Crestwood-Cresco.

▼Senior **Heather Kraayenbrink** will continue playing the game at Central College, but for the other six seniors on the team, this season was the last of their basketball careers. "Every season has been better than the last. I'm glad I've played. I have made lots of memories and gotten to know everyone better," said senior **Billi Ellingson**.

▼Coach **Mike Vint** was absent from the district game against Saydel due to hospitalization for kidney stones. This was the first time in 28 years that **Vint** didn't coach a game. Assistant Coach **Dennis Bogaards** stepped in for **Vint**.



Senior **Tremain Versteeg** takes up a shot over a Waukee defender. The Lady Dutch won 57-47.



Senior **Tracy Marlow** guards the ball while a PC defender looks on. "Knowing this would be our last time playing PC and that we had lost the first game, we were very determined to come out on top this time. Beating PC is always a great feeling," said **Marlow**.



Junior **Kristin Van Zee** makes herself big at state in a game against Atlantic. "Our basic strategy was to basically keep up with them and not let them run the show; play our game," said **Van Zee**.



◆Point guard, junior **Tara Sorensen** goes up for a lay-up during a Knoxville game. **Sorensen** scored 18 points, her game high in regular season play. "It started off slow, and we needed to pick it up in the second half. I wanted to make things happen for us so I took the ball to the basket to score some quick points. Everyone stepped it up, and we were able to put them away!" said **Sorensen**. ◆After a win over Perry, the Lady Dutch attack Coach **Mike Vint** for a victory hug. Perry was the last obstacle in the way of advancing to state. "We decided to give Mr. Vint a hug at the end of the game because he said no one had ever done that, so we all ran over and hugged him!" said junior **Emily Bensink**.



UNFORGETTABLE
senior Lindsay Korver

REMARKABLE
senior Tremaine Versteeg

AWESOME
junior Emily Bensink

UNFORGETTABLE
junior Billi Ellingson

EXCITING
junior Whitney Metcalf

SURREAL
junior Lyndsay VanMaaren

MEMORABLE
junior Lara VanWyk

UNFORGETTABLE
junior Tara Sorensen

THRILLING
senior Jena Marlow

UNPRECEDENTED
senior Heather Kraayenbrink

ENERGETIC
junior Alison Corbett



GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL. Billi Ellingson, Katelyn De Penning, Heather Kraayenbrink, Tremaine Versteeg, Jena Marlow, Tracy Marlow, Lindsay Korver. **ROW 2:** Lara Van Wyk, Alison Corbett, Kristin Van Zee, Lindsey VanderWert. **ROW 3:** Tara Sorensen, Lyndsay VanMaaren, Whitney Metcalf, Emily Bensink.

Honors...

All-District: **Heather Kraayenbrink, Tara Sorensen**

All-Conference:

1st team: **Sorensen, Kraayenbrink**

2nd team: **Tracy Marlow, Jena Marlow**

Honorable Mention: **Lindsay Korver, Kristin Van Zee**

Scoreboard

Varsity: 11-2, LHC; 23-3, overall

Pella 64, Mediapolis 43	Pella 58, 33; Oskaloosa 42, 46
Pella 74, Eddyville-Blakesburg 27	Pella 59, PCM 43
Pella 81, Davis County 36	Pella 51, 55; Boone 39, 50
Pella 65, South Tama 62	Pella 66, Washington 56
Pella 54, 55; Norwalk 66, 53	Districts:
Pella 61, Mt. Pleasant 59	Pella 63, Saydel 24
Pella 57, Waukee 47	Pella 49, Grinnell 34
Pella 59, 58; Grinnell 49, 45	Regionals: Pella 62, Perry 44
Pella 56, 54; Knoxville 40, 39	State:
Pella 34, 52; Pella Christian 40, 38	Pella 62, Cresco 42
Pella 61, Indianola 33	Atlantic 40, Pella 39

Iowa Girls' Coaches Assoc. All-Star Game: **Kraayenbrink, Jena Marlow**

2nd Team All-State Newspaper Ass.: **Kraayenbrink**

3rd Team All-State Coaches Assoc.: **Sorensen**

All-Conference All-Star Team: **Kraayenbrink**

Roundball Revue All-Star Team: **Kraayenbrink**

Iowa Basketball Coaches Assoc. All-Star Game: **Kraayenbrink**

IBCA All-Star Team Alternate: **Tracy Marlow**

Girls' State Tournament All-Tournament Team: **Sorensen**

58-42•Oskaloosa



"The game was fun for the team because we played with energy and enthusiasm. Both teams brought lots of fun, and the crowd cheering made it exciting to be on the court."

Junior
Alison Corbett

62-44•Perry

"It was an awesome game and very exciting to play in. We all had one goal in mind and were determined to accomplish it. It was a great feeling coming out on top."

Senior
Jena Marlow



40-39•Atlantic

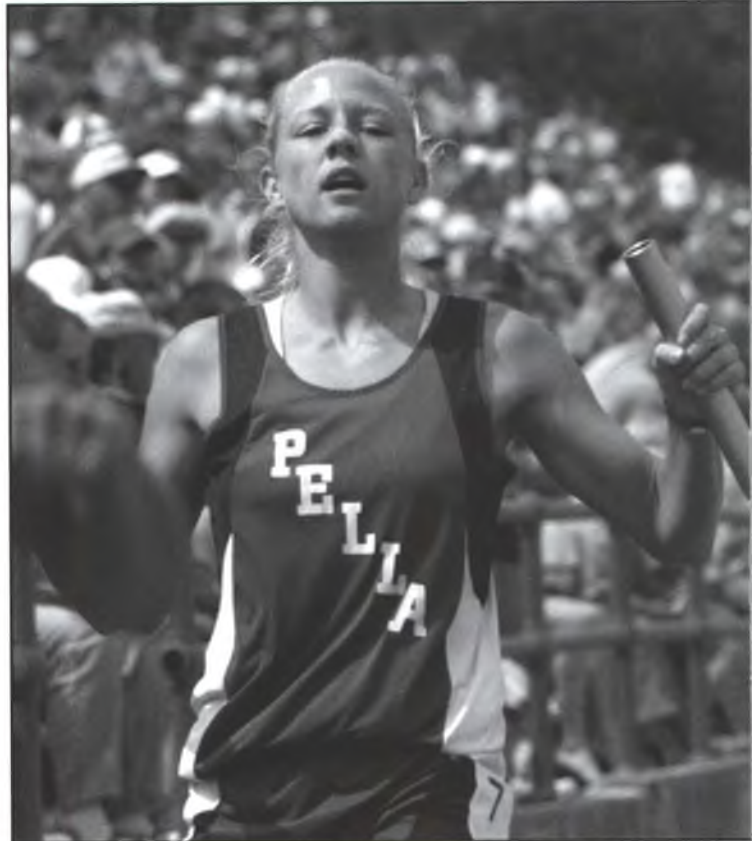


"The disappointing part was the fact that we ended the game with regrets. It's hard to think something as small as a free throw could have made such a big impact."

Senior
Heather Kraayenbrink

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◆ Junior **Chris Orr**, far left, leaves his blocks during the 4x800 meter relay at the Little Dutch Invitational. Senior **Ryan Ter Louw**, left, races his finger to signal the victory in the 1600-meter run at the Little Dutch Invitational. **Ter Louw** shattered the school and meet record for the event with a time of 4:22:58.

◆ Senior **Tracy Marlow** crosses the finish line in the 4 x 200 meter relay, one of the four events she competed in at the state track tournament. Others included the long jump, the 200-meter dash and the sprint medley. **Marlow**, who was chosen Most Valuable Athlete of the team, plans to compete in the track program at Central

Conference Champs

Girls take LHC title; guys send five events to state

▲ New runners learned about proper conditioning and found their special niche within the team.

"I like the system of working out one day and running the next, because it was a change and helped everyone get into shape. I liked working on high jump because it was something new, and it was my first year working on it," said junior **Nicole Verhey**.

▲ The Little Dutch bonded throughout the entire season.

"This year's track season was a pile of mixed emotions. Though we didn't win any meets, I'll always remember the fun we had sabotaging

the freshmen on the bus rides home," said sophomore **Justin Ver Steeg**.

▲ The Lady Dutch came away from Little Hawkeye Conference Meet as champions. This hadn't been accomplished since 2000.

"It felt awesome to win conference. No one expected it, and it really got us pumped up for state," said freshman **Sierra Smith**.

▲ A laid-back atmosphere surrounded some of the relays of the boys' meets.

"The 4x100, 'Fat Man's Race,' was the main attraction of our meets," said junior **Ryan Salter**, a member of the relay team.

▼ Many early meets were marred by unfavorable weather; some were even cancelled.

"The worst meet was Oskaloosa. It was miserable and nobody wanted to be there. It was cold and rainy. Nobody performed well in the weather," said junior **Mike Salz**.

▼ Long distance runners were in short supply on the girls' team.

"It was hard because everyone had to run well since we didn't have extra runners to make up for people who had bad days. This also made our workouts much harder," said sophomore **Megan Renaud**.

▼ Eight tracksters qualified in five events for the boys' state track meet held at Drake University.

"I didn't want to go to state because it was an extra two weeks of practice, but I guess they needed my *expert* ability," said freshman **Phil Davidson**. **Davidson** competed in the 4 x 800 meter relay.

▼ Injuries prevented some runners from participating in some of the last track meets.

"I sprained my ankle during practice and wasn't able to run at the conference meet. I felt bad because I wasn't helping my team gain points," said sophomore **Erika Engelbrecht**.

• **Allison Mansueti**

finish line hurdles split discus high jump shot-put blocks sprint relays spikes long-distance

TRACK

Coach's CORNER

I Remember ...



"I enjoy starting every race because I like to get an early lead for my team. Also, I don't have to

worry about hand-offs as much."

Junior

Lyndsay Van Maaren



BOYS' TRACK. Phil Davidson, David Vos, Dan Wichhart, Alex Current, Josh Jaarsma, Zach Vandenberg, Andrew Santiago, Chris Orr, Cory Fitzsimmons. **ROW 2:** Ryan Ter Louw, Ben Bollard, Nathan DeZwarte, Josh Palmer, Ryan Bettger, Vance Schuring, Mike VanderHoek, Collin Knoll, Jon Tangen, Casey Flanagan, Derek Roorda. **ROW 3:** Russell Hoksbergen, Todd Schuring, Josh Smith, Taylor Lind, Travis Bogaard, Thomas Salz, Paul Davidson, Kyle Erickson, Jon Erickson, Mike Salz, Ryan Salter.

SCOREBOARD

Boys

@ Pella	2nd	Trojan Relays	7th
Panther Relays	6th	Little Dutch Inv.	3rd
Charger Relays	2nd	Tiger Relays	6th
Oskey Relays	5th	LHC	6th
BGM	2nd	State	16th
State Little Dutch: Ryan Ter Louw, 1600 m run (2nd); 800 m run; Jon Erickson, Vance Schuring, Ben Bollard, Ter Louw, sprint medley (2nd); Bollard, 400 m hurdles; Taylor Lind, 800 m run; Lind, Travis Bogaard, Phil Davidson, Josh Palmer, 4x800, Records Set/Broken: Ter Louw, 800 m run, 1:56:03; 1600 m run, 4:20.8, Erickson, Schuring, Bollard, Ter Louw, sprint medley; 3:31:11.			
Ter Louw - All-State Track Team			

"Some individuals ran up to their capabilities, and some went beyond. Senior leadership was superior. Our squad was small in numbers but great in spirit."

Coach Fred Anthony

"We showed a lot of improvement from the first day of practice to the last. The future looks very bright for Lady Dutch track."

Coach Dak Rasmussen



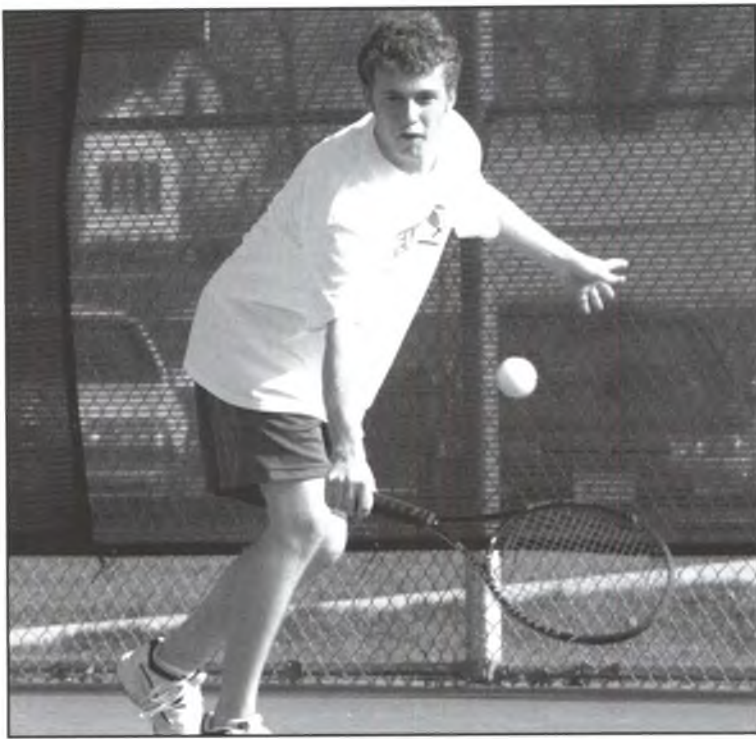
GIRLS' TRACK. Tera Behning, Mary Hiemstra, Tracy Marlow. **ROW 2:** Manager Narissa VanderWeide, Ashley Willemsen, Kristine Kermode, Michelle Hiemstra, Nicole Verhey, Alexis Baugh, Katie VanVark, Amber Breuklander, Lyndsay VanMaaren, Nikki Halvorsen. **ROW 3:** Coach Jean Manecke, Sierra Smith, Clare Stofferahn, Megan Renaud, Liesel Schroder, Jenna Parker, Natalia Plahotnaya, Lindsey Hoopes, Allison Mansueto, Amy DeZwarte, Erika Engelbrecht, Amanda Veenstra, Tiffany Alft, Coach Dak Rasmussen.

SCOREBOARD

Girls

Waukee Inv.	4th	Tulip Time Relays	3rd
Lady Dutch Inv.	3rd (tie)	Benton, Van Horne	4th
Oskey Relays	2nd	Pantherette Relays	2nd
Bondurant	3rd	Districts	6th
S. Tama	5th	LHC	1st
Grinnell	6th	State	Part.

State Lady Dutch: Tracy Marlow, long jump; Amber Breuklander, Mary Hiemstra, Tera Behning, Clare Stofferahn, 4 x 800 relay; Lyndsay VanMaaren, Sierra Smith, Allison Mansueto, Breuklander, distance medley; VanMaaren, Smith, Mansueto, Marlow, 4 x 200 relay; Marlow, 200-meter dash; Breuklander, 400-meter hurdles; VanMaaren, Smith, Mansueto, Marlow, sprint medley.



◆For the first time ever in the history of Pella boys' tennis, the boys' team defeated Maharishi Fairfield. "The smell of bratwurst over the hot coals got senior **Adam Chenoweth** and I through our doubles match. We won 10-3. It was great to win against Maharishi Fairfield because we had never beat them before," said senior **Mike Van Dusseldorp** (above). Pella beat Maharishi 8-3, ending their losing streak against the Pioneers.

◆The girls' win over top-seeded Norwalk gave the team confidence for the rest of the season. "We wanted to come out and play our best against Norwalk because it was a very important game. We were able to focus and dominate to come away with a win. We came together as a team, and it was a good confidence builder, a great way to start our season," said junior **Becky Steenhoek**. Steenhoek won her single and doubles match against Norwalk.



Making Some Quiet Noise

Boys take a step up while girls remain at the top

▲The boys finished fourth in the Little Hawkeye Conference meet.

"**Micah Kraayenbrink** (senior) and I went against all odds, beating the second and third seed in the conference tournament. Then we lost a hard fought match in the championship game against the number one seed," said senior **Jeff Dole**. The boys were co-champions with Knoxville at districts. Senior **Adam Chenoweth** and juniors **Matt Snyder** and **Dan George** qualified for state.

▲The girls swept all tournaments at Indianola, Knoxville and Pella.

"We won so many tournaments

because we had so many talented players. We succeeded because we knew we could beat anyone, and we never gave up," said senior **Sarah Gilpin**.

▲The girls placed first in the LHC meet. Sophomore **Lindsay Blair**, junior **Becky Steenhoek** and seniors **Catie Beck** and **Sarah Gilpin** won firsts while sophomore **Jill Van Vark** and junior **Lindsay Graham** took fifth. At regionals, **Blair, Gilpin** and **Beck** were first (state qualifiers) joined by **Graham** and freshman **Hillary Van Horn** in second (state). At team regionals, the girls placed second to Waterloo Columbus in a 5-2 loss.

▼Playing with a doubles partner could be very challenging as players learned to communicate and play together.

"**Luisa Orticelli** (sophomore) was being her loud, usual self as we played varsity doubles. We were up at the net, and she tried to slam down a volley, but instead of the ball going over the net, it smacked me in the eye. We still ended up winning, 10-1. The weird thing is, I ended up playing better with my swollen eye," said sophomore **Bobbi Van Zante**.

▼Losing against crosstown rival Pella Christian, 6-5, was a low point in the boys' season.

"We had poor attitudes and liked

to pout. The weather was bad, so we were very grouchy. We lost to Pella Christian that day, but we beat them out to go to state. Later in the season at districts, we beat them when the weather was better," said junior **Matt Snyder**.

▼The girls' only loss during the season was against Boone. They lost by one match, making the final score, 6-5. "The Boone game was one of the low points in my tennis season. Some of the calls made were sketchy, and in the end, **Hillary Van Horn** (freshman) and I just couldn't pull it out. We lost the game in a tie-breaker," said sophomore **Jill Van Vark**.

•Luisa Orticelli

back hand top spin court return love net racket serve Tennis doubles volley forehand deuce

I Remember ...



"It's been a lot of fun, and the new guys have improved a lot."

Senior

Adam Chenoweth

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"We have a quiet presence on the court, but these girls are competitive and find a way to pull out their matches. This is the most consistent group of single players I have ever had the privilege to coach."

Coach Margene Van Horn

"I am extremely lucky to work with such a fine group of young men. The success of the boys' program is on the rise and will remain at that high level for many years to come."

Coach Bryan Mours



GIRLS' TENNIS. Becky Steenhoek, Jill Van Vark, Hillary Van Horn, Lindsay Graham, Ashley Braun, Sarah Gilpin, Lindsay Blair. **ROW 2:** Angela McNaughton, manager Megan Weiler, Paola Espinosa, Alison Mason, Luisa Orticelli, Hannah Smith, Bobbi Van Zante, Naomi Yang, Nancy Vue. **ROW 3:** Nicole Lanser, Jessica Rietveld, Elysia Purnell, Jennie Gosnell, Karen Williams, Kelsey Den Adel, Caitlin Bettger, Stephane Pearson.



BOYS' TENNIS. Micah Kraayenbrink, Jeff Dole, Adam Chenoweth, Mike Van Dusseldorp, Dan George, Matt Snyder. **ROW 2:** Brandon Boat, Chris Landon, Corey Oliver, Vince Mejia, Kyle Oppenhuizen, Taylor Brummel, Richard Spierenburg. **ROW 3:** Coach Bryan Mours, Chung Yang, Robbie Feeney, Willie Van Ee, Joseph Goodyk, Andy Oldridge, Cody Sanders.

Scoreboard- Girls'- 5-1, LHC Champs; 7-1, overall

Norwalk	Varsity, 9-2; JV, 5-4	Regionals, Ind./State Qual.
Indianola Inv.	1st	Lindsay Blair, singles, 1st;
Chariton	Varsity, 9-0; JV, 6-2	Catie Beck & Sarah Gilpin,
Grinnell	Varsity, 9-2; JV, 12-13	doubles, 1st; Lindsay
Knoxville Inv.	1st	Graham & Hillary Van
Boone	Varsity, 5-6; JV, 1-18	Horn, doubles, 2nd
Lady Dutch Inv.	1st	Regionals, Team
Oskaloosa	Varsity, 8-3; JV, 11-7	Pella 9, Knoxville 0
Knoxville	Varsity, 11-0; JV, 11-15	Pella 6, Davis County 0
Pella Christian	Varsity, 11-0	Pella 5, Albia 0
Albia	Varsity, 4-0	Waterloo Col. 5, Pella 2
LHC Meet	1st	State
		Blair, singles, 5th
		Beck, Gilpin, Graham,
		Van Horn; did not place

Scoreboard - Boys'- 2-4, LHC; 5-5, overall

Norwalk	Varsity, 4-7; JV, 1-5	Team Districts - Co-Champions
Newton	Varsity, 5-6; JV, 0-7	with Knoxville
Knoxville Inv.	2nd	Advance to State:
North Polk	Varsity, 9-2; JV, 2-4	•Adam Chenoweth, second,
Grinnell	Varsity, 11-0; JV, 6-3	singles
Oskaloosa	Varsity, 11-0; JV, 7-1	•Matt Snyder & Dan George,
Maharishi	Varsity, 8-3; JV, 3-7	first, doubles
Boone	Varsity, 2-9; JV, 1-14	Substate, Team
Knoxville	Varsity, 4-7; JV, 6-7	Pella 5, Chariton 1
Pella Christian	Varsity, 5-6; JV, 1-2	Keokuk 5, Pella 4
Albia	Varsity, 6-5	State
LHC Meet	4th	Snyder & George, 4th
		Chenoweth, did not
		place



◆ Junior **Nathan Kroese** swings with ease at a Pella Christian Invitational. He has been a member of two state championship teams and a runner-up team. "My freshman year winning state was great, and my sophomore year we ended up getting second. This year was really amazing because we won state again. Hopefully next year, we'll make it to state, then I will have gone every year I've been in high school," said **Kroese**, the medalist in the state tournament.

◆ Junior **Emily Bensink** sets up for a putt during a game against Knoxville. "The thing that stands out for me is how much fun it is! All of us have so much fun on the Suburban rides and at practice," said Bensink. Thanks to her family, golf has been a part of **Bensink's** life since she was little. "I've been playing golf ever since I was five or six. My dad taught me, and my sister played in high school and college. I really enjoy golf and the mental aspect of it," said **Bensink**.



State Competitors

Guys claim the title while girls finish 6th

▲ Both the boys' and girls' golf teams made it to state. Playing on their home course at Bos Landen, the boys left after the first day with 323, followed by a 319 on Day 2. They won the tournament by 13 strokes with a final score of 642. Clear Lake was second with 655.

The girls' team finished their season with 713 at state (356 on the first day, 357 on the second day). They placed sixth.

▲ Sophomore **Jordan Williams** has loved golf for most of her life. During the past year, she really worked for what she wanted.

"Before the season I set some goals. One

was to make all-conference, second was to compete at state. We won some and lost some, but in the end, I reached my goals. Qualifying for state as a team was the ultimate accomplishment because we had worked hard," said **Williams**, who led the team at state with a 179 over the two day tournament.

▲ Practices helped develop the golfers' overall skills, but it was also a time to be with your friends.

"We worked on any aspects and weaknesses we had. We kept strain and stress out during practices and had a lot of fun hanging out at the same time," said junior **Jon Vermeer**.

▼ Junior **Ashley Gritters** got through the realization of losing and always looked at the positive outcome. Looking back at what needed to be improved helped to better her chances at future tournaments.

"It was not really losing that made you want to win next time. Losing just gave you the will to want to try harder and to learn from your mistakes," said **Gritters**.

▲ "It's not whether you won or lost, it's how you played the game." In the end, it did matter. Having the satisfaction of letting everyone know that you practiced hard paid off is a reward in itself.

"It (winning) was a pretty good

feeling. It was awesome when you were a medalist and won. No matter what, you were happy when the team won," said senior **Stuart Steenhoek**. **Steenhoek** was sixth overall in the boys' state individual standings.

▲ Placing in the top 12 at conference meets gave players all-conference status. Boys' golfers named all-conference were juniors **Jasen Dahm** and **Jon Vermeer** and seniors **Tyler Roos** and **Stuart Steenhoek**. Girls' all-conference golfers were seniors **Sharilene Hoekstra**, junior **Emily Bensink** and sophomore **Jordan Williams**.

• **Kassie Snelle**

Boys' / Girls' Golf

I Remember ...

"The most important thing that happened during my golf season was winning regionals and going to state."

Senior

Sharilyne Hoekstra



Coach's

CORNER

"This group of young ladies never stopped trying to reach their goals. To qualify for the state meet is a tribute to their dedication to the game. They never quit believing in their ability."

Girls' Coach **Mark Williams**

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"During the season the boys did really good. We won every meet but one."

Boys' Coach **Gifford Graham**



BOYS' GOLF. Kyle Simpson, Curtis Brobst, David Beyer, Jon Vermeer, Dustin Sloan, Conor O'Brien, Cal Vos, Ricky Widmar. **ROW 2:** Coach Gifford Graham, Chris Rempe, Tim Bogaards, Nathan Kroese, Kyle Dursky, Andrew Bradley, Ryan Van Roekel, Ron Steenhoek, Austin Ewell, Stuart Steenhoek, Tyler Roose, Jason Laverman, Jim Dingeman, Jasen Dahm.



GIRLS' GOLF. Meagan Dahlin, Katelyn Dingeman. **ROW 2:** Megan Renaud, Ashley Meirick, Sharilyne Hoekstra, Jordan Williams, Ashley Gritters, Emily Bensink. **ROW 3:** Briana Pfadenhauer.

LITTLE DUTCH SCOREBOARD

Pella 157, Waukee 176	Sectionals-Pella 300, 1st
Knoxville 151, Pella 158	Districts - Pella 305, 3rd
Pella 160, Grinnell 168	State - Pella 642, 1st
Pella Quad - Pella 163, 2nd	Nathan Kroese, medalist
Oskaloosa 152, Pella 153	Stuart Steenhoek, 6th
Pella 141, Norwalk 157	Jonathan Vermeer, 13th
K-ville Quad - Pella 150, 1st	
Little Hawkeye Conference - Pella 304, 1st	
Pella 151, Centerville 174	
Chariton Invitational - Pella 298, 1st	
PC Inv - Pella (G) 321, 1st (W) 374 13th	

LADY DUTCH SCOREBOARD

Pella 196, Norwalk 222	Pella 188, Pella Christian 218
Pella 192, Knoxville 234	Little Hawkeye Conference-Pella
Pella 153, Waukee 153	264, 3rd
- Waukee won play-off	Districts-Pella 403, 1st
Pella (JV) 195, Albia 217	Regionals-Pella 348, 1st
Grinnell 186, Pella 205	State - Pella 713, 6th
Pella 195, Albia 217	
Centerville (5 team)- Pella 192, 2nd	
Boone 210, Pella 221	
Osky Tournament - Pella 358, 1st	
Pella 192, Centerville 222	

slide tackle dribble shoot
goal kick yellow card
punt corner kick
passing throw in

Matt Terlouw

Josh Youngman

Morgan Kelly

Shelly Nunnikhoven

Lindsay Blair

Bret VanderStreek

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Lady Dutch Capture Conference Title

•Lauren Birke

▲The Ups▼

▲The varsity girls' team won the Little Hawkeye Conference for the third consecutive year. "We have worked very hard this year to be where we are. Our team effort really paid off," said junior **Courtney Fleenor**.

▲Junior **Chakong Vue** was impressed with the unity of the JV boys' team. "It was a fun season, especially getting to know the younger guys," said **Vue**.

▲The JV girls' team went undefeated with a 10-0 record. "The season was awesome. It was a great experience, and I made a lot of new friends," said freshman **Stephanie Fleenor**.

▲Varsity player **Tyler Boeyink**, junior, enjoyed watching game tapes. "Reviewing game footage was quite a good time. Nothing made my day better then watching a teammate take a stray ball to the groin area 17 or 18 times in super slow motion," said **Boeyink**.

▼The Downs▼

▼JV player **Jessica Terlouw**, freshman, thought the weather brought the season down. "The worst experience was the ADM game. It was rainy, windy and cold," said **Terlouw**.

▼Varsity girls' fullback, senior **Jocelyn Davis**, injured her knee at the start of the season. "It was hard to stand on the sidelines instead of being on the field, but it was incredible to support the team to many victories," said **Davis**.

▼The varsity boys lost in the second round of districts to Nowalk, 6-1. "Scoring my only goal of the season was nice, but it's too bad it was during our loss in districts. It was bittersweet," said junior **Louis Vander Streek**.

▼The freshmen boys felt the loss of players that moved up to varsity. "Losing some of our best players put a hole in our defense," said freshman **Jon Birkel**.



After losing to Nevada once, the Lady Dutch defeated them 3-1. "I think it really helped that we got to play at home, and you could tell we were a lot better prepared," said senior **Tremaine Versteeg**.



Senior **Billy Fox** controls the ball during the JV game against Knoxville. "I really enjoyed going out for soccer. All the coaches were really cool, and I wish I wouldn't have ever quit," said **Fox**. The JV won the game, 2-0.



Junior **Erin Sokol** passes the ball to freshman **Jessica Terlouw** during the Grinnell game. The JV won the game, 5-0.



◆The varsity boys lost to Norwalk, a conference opponent, 4-1. Junior **Alex Schuring** (above) works to steal the ball. "The score was not a fair representation of the game. We needed to focus on capitalizing on our strengths," said **Schuring**.

◆The Lady Dutch went down in history as the first girls' soccer team from Pella to advance to the state tournament in Muscatine. They defeated PC 7-0 in the substate match. "I felt very excited that we accomplished our season goal. Our next goal was to keep working hard to do well in state," said freshman **Pagie Nelson**. Norwalk defeated the Lady Dutch, 2-1, in the first round of the tournament.





BOYS' VARSITY. Matt Goodyk, Bruno Orticelli, Bret VanderStreek, Josh Youngman, Zach Hogan, Stephen Meyer. **ROW 2:** Tyler Boeyink, Brian Melhus, Alex Schuring, Emmanuel Mate-Kodjo, Chris Boeyink, Matt Schnell, Louis Vander Streek. **ROW 3:** Zach Takis Apostolopoulos, Brady VanVark, Andrew Kinne, Matt Terlouw, Chris Trout, Marc Kucinski, Ben Malsom, Trent Sikkema.

Scoreboard

Varsity... 9-4

Pella 4, Knoxville 1
D.C. Grimes 2, Pella 0
Pella 5, Colo-Nesco 1
Pella 1, Carlisle 0
Pella 6, Chariton 4
Pella 3, Waukee 2
Pella 4, Grinnell 0
Norwalk 4, Pella 1
Pella 4, South Tama 0
Newton 3, Pella 0
Pella 2, Albia 1
JV... 4-0-2
Pella 3, Albia 0
Pella 4, ADM 4
Pella 4, Newton 1
Pella 1, S.E. Polk 1
Pella 2, Waukee 1
Pella 3, Albia 0

JV... 10-4

Pella 2, Knoxville 0
Albia 5, Pella 0
Pella 1, D.C. Grimes 0
Pella 4, Centerville 0
Pella 5, Carlisle 0
Pella 5, Chariton 0
Waukee 6, Pella 1
Pella 2, Grinnell 0
Pella 2, Norwalk 1
South Tama 3, Pella 0
Pella 2, Albia 0
Newton 2, Pella 0
Pella 3, PCM 0
Pella 3, Albia 1
Varsity Regionals...
Pella 10, Centerville 1
Norwalk 6, Pella 1

Honors: 1st Team All-Conference: **Andy Kinne, Alex Schuring, Matt Terlouw**
2nd Team All-Conference: **Emmanuel Mate-Kodjo, Brady VanVark**
Honorable Mention: **Chris Boeyink, Bret Vander Streek.**



BOYS' JV & FRESHMEN. Brad Janssen, Derek Russell, Travis Chapman, Josh Jogaard, Andrew Doyle, Jay Mathes, Paul Michaels, Mitch McFarland, James Dozenboom. **ROW 2:** Jon Birkel, Kyle Eastwood, Derek Groenendyk, Joe Langenfeld, Andrew Oakland, Joe ErkenBrack, Andy Versluys, Kevin Graham, Chakong Vue, Nathan VanKampen, Ross Langel. **ROW 3:** Coach Marv VanWyk, Joel Weiler, Nathan Heer, Brad De Wild, Billy Fox, Sam Reicks, Andrew Lundgren, Christoph Lücke, Ryan Boswell, Jasen Dole, David Visser.



GIRLS' VARSITY. Courtney Fleenor, Ashley Dorman, Beatriz Mate-Kodjo, Kerry George, Brenna Boat, Ashley Meirick. **ROW 2:** Coach Mary Carnell, Lauren Birkel, Lacey Beyer, Sarah VanWyk, Jocelyn Davis, Katelyn DePenning, Tremaine Versteeg, Morgan Kelly, Andrea Brobst, Lara VanWyk, Paige Nelson, Chelsea Pelland.

Scoreboard

Varsity ... 15-4

Pella 5, Knoxville 0
Pella 6, Pella Christian 0
Pella 5, Grinnell 0
Pella 10, PCM 0
Pella 2, Norwalk 1 (Overtime)
Pella 3, D.C. Grimes 2 (shootout)
Nevada Tournament:
Pella 1, Colo-Nesco 0
Nevada 1, Pella 0 -2nd
Pella 3, ADM 2
Pella 3, Nevada 1
Pella 6, Winterset 0
Waukee 2, Pella 1
Pella 12, Carlisle 0
Bondurant Tournament:
Pella 10, Creston 0
Bondurant 3, Pella 2 -2nd

JV ... 10-0

Pella 7, Knoxville 0
Pella 4, Pella Christian 1
Pella 5, Centerville 0
Pella 5, Grinnell 0
Pella 5, PCM 0
Pella 2, Norwalk 0
Pella 2, D.C. Grimes 0
Pella 2, ADM 0
Pella 4, Nevada 1
Pella 4, Waukee 1

Varsity Regionals...

Pella 10, Centerville 0
Pella 10, PCM 0

Varsity State...

Pella 7, PC 0
Norwalk 2, Pella 1

Honors: All-State 1st Team: **Tremaine Versteeg**; 2nd Team: **Morgan Kelly**; HM: **Lauren Birkel, Lindsay Blair**. All-Conference 1st Team: **Birkel, Blair, Kelly, Versteeg**; 2nd Team: **Brenna Boat, Katelyn DePenning, Paige Nelson**; HM: **Courtney Fleenor, Ashley Meirick.**

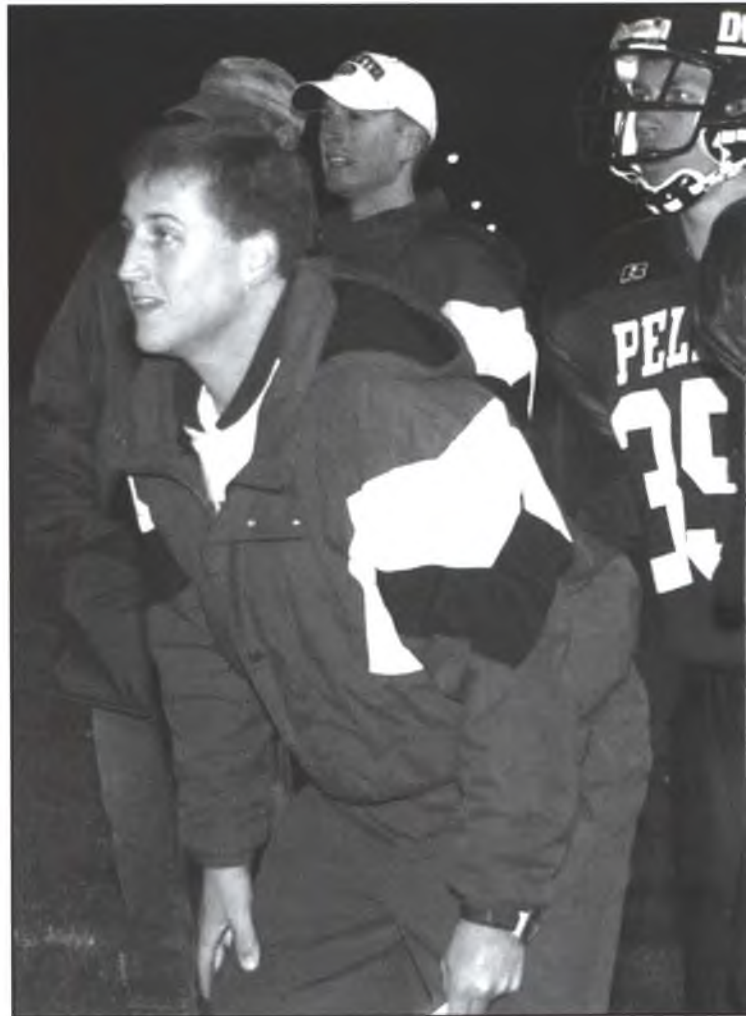


GIRLS' JV. Holly VanKooten, Anna Rietveld, Stephanie Fleenor, Morgan Mock. **ROW 2:** Kiley Phillips, Shelly Nunnikhoven, Kendra Dickinson, Erin Sokol, Marie Bruns. **ROW 3:** Mary Carnell, Jessica Terlouw, Stacey DeJoode, Alyson Fugitt, Candace Zwank.



◆Sophomore **Lindsay Blair** gets advice from girls' tennis coach **Margene Van Horn**. **Blair** started the season by winning her doubles and singles matches against Norwalk. **Blair** said she appreciated all the help she received from **Van Horn**. "I really like having **Mrs. Van Horn** as a coach because she knew a lot about tennis and has helped me improve my game by giving me great tips," said **Blair**.

◆Football coach **Corey Thorson** anticipates a field goal from the sideline during a JV game. "I loved coaching football. I really got into the intensity, teamwork, strategies and being part of a team," said **Thorson**. One of **Thorson's** best football experiences was with the sophomore team in the game against Washington when the Pella team was down by 16. **Thorson** led his team to a comeback score and the win.



UP & DOWN

Teams, coaches, fans unify through good, bad times.

▲Senior basketball player **Katelyn De Penning** fell and broke her wrist while snowboarding on the senior ski trip. Sophomore **Sarah Stuckey** enjoyed seeing **De Penning** come back from her injury and play at state. **De Penning's** cast had just come off earlier that day. "I was really bummed when **Katelyn** came to school with a cast on her arm, but it was really neat to see her go out and play for awhile during the quarterfinal in the state tournament. As soon as she walked onto the court, I started screaming and cheering for her," said **Stuckey**.

▲Forté members put incredible amounts of time and effort into their two-hour practices that were

held three-to-five days a week. The practices got the team ready for nationals in Texas. "The Forté practices helped get our team to nationals by pushing our limits. They prepared us for what was coming," said freshman **Suzi Steenhoek**.

▲Tennis practices included running, stretching, doing ground strokes, and practicing volleys and serves. Challenge matches were also played during practices to determine a player's rank on the team. "Tennis practice was always a good time. The team worked on unity, so we became really close," said sophomore **Jill Van Vark**. Along with practices, the tennis team used their unity to build toward a strong and successful season.

▼The golf team endured various types of weather throughout early April. From hot to cold to rain and snow, the team continued their practices. For some, there was a bigger disappointment of the season. "The only negative to the golf season was that one of our star players (junior **Jon Vermeer**) had yet to fully recover from a horrible football injury (torn ACL)," said senior **Stuart Steenhoek**.

▼Being a cross country fan could mean hard work. Sophomore **Taylor Lind** had a difficult time cheering for his cross country teammates while they ran the course. "Cheering for my teammates during a cross country meet was somewhat tough. There were only a few places along the course where you could

actually cheer, and I had to run a over the place to get to those spots," said **Lind**.

▼For fans and players, including senior **D.J. Henle**, the football game against Atlantic was disappointing. To lose the Atlantic game 15-14 was a difficult experience for **Henle**. "It was the worst feeling watching as something you worked so hard for slip through your fingers," said **Henle**. Although disappointing, Coach **Ma Shulte** found the game very challenging. "We had to make a lot of play and player adjustments in a short period of time. The game was very exciting, and there was constantly suspense," said **Shulte**.

•Danielle Newendorp

supportive
incredible
cheering
excited
FANS
clapping
emotional
obsessed
loud
enthusiastic
animated

I Remember ...

"...getting into the game. It's not un-



common for me to lose my voice by the end of the night."

Junior
**Katie
Van Vark**

FAN'S C O R N E R

*"I like watching my sister (junior **Tara Sorensen**) play and cheering for her, and I'm proud that she's my sister."*

Fifth Grader
Michael Sorensen

"It was fun when Jim 'Diesel' and I were cheering for the girls in basketball. We were louder than the entire student section for Cresco."

Senior **Jeff Steenhoek**

"Wrestling fans understand the hard work and self sacrifice that it takes to be a wrestler."

Parent **Dave Durham**

Volleyball



"I enjoyed cheering for volleyball because I was able to show the team and others that we were there to support PHS sports."

Senior **Emily Filer**

(pictured with seniors **Kristin Sytsma** and **Brittany McCulla**)

Soccer

"It's awesome to go support the soccer team. I enjoy going to the games to cheer on the players."

Junior
Lyndsay Van Maaren

(pictured with juniors **Kelly Hudson** and **Amanda Van Sant**)



Football



"All the fans had a ton of fun bringing wooden shoes to the Knoxville football game. They're a big rivalry, and it was a cool way to show support for our team."

Junior **Lauren Birkel**
(pictured with junior **Angela Lo Thi**)

timeout



◆Senior **Adam Chenoweth** concentrates on his shot in the final table tennis match against junior **Dan George**. **George**, part of last years' winning duo with his older brother **Bryan George**, returned to pick up his own title in advanced singles. "It was competitive, frustrating, nervous and fast. **Dan** won, easily. Ping pong is a smaller version of tennis without the running. Sports can't get much better than that. I already won a t-shirt this year, and I play for fun," said **Chenoweth**.

◆Crashing down on senior **Stuart Steenhoek** during basketball intramurals is senior **Micah Ybarrola**. "I played intramural basketball because I am not good enough to play real basketball. We had no competition. It was fun," said **Ybarrola**. Intramural basketball brought back memories of childhood hobbies for **Steenhoek**. "I've loved basketball since I was a little kid. Finally in my senior year I decided it was about time to rekindle the past," said **Steenhoek**.



UP & DOWN

Intramural participants meet joys and frustrations.

▲One of the biggest accomplishments for an intramural team was to defeat the faculty team. Intramural champs played a faculty team in tennis and sand volleyball, winning both sports.

"It was almost all senior boys that we played against in sand volleyball. The teachers won the second game so after that, they got a little more serious. We had a blast playing against the kids," said teacher **Bryant Hancock**.

▲Intramurals provided a chance for students to enjoy playing a sport they don't necessarily play for school. Junior **Courtney Fleenor**

signed up to play intramural indoor volleyball to have a good time.

"It was a chance to hang out with friends and do something I enjoyed but am not really competitive with. It was just for fun because I didn't play volleyball as a season sport," said **Fleenor**.

▲A large driving force behind students' participation in intramurals was not receiving a championship trophy, but rather a free t-shirt. This year the t-shirt was designed by freshman **Natalia Plahotnaya**. "I was really happy after finally winning an intramural shirt," said junior **Brian Melhus**, part of the intramural soccer team champs.

▼Playing hard for an intramural title could get too competitive.

"Most of the intramurals that I played were fairly easy to get carried away with, but winning three out of the four I played in made all the difference," said sophomore **Austin Ewell**.

▼Bowling ended the "intramural season." Once spring sports began, students don't have time to be involved in any spring intramurals.

"What we've found out is that students become too busy to participate in any spring intramurals that would be offered," said intramural co-director **Deb Clark**.

Finding enough people to sign up also became a problem. Too

few students signed up for ultimate frisbee, so they split up and played each other. "We all enjoyed ultimate frisbee a lot although it wasn't competitive due to not many people signing up to play," said junior **Bryan Janssen**.

▼Involvement in activities in and out of school left little possibility for students who've considered intramurals to make the commitment.

"I thought about doing intramural basketball but being managed by a job, and taking classes at the college left me little spare time," said senior **Kayla Kafka**.

•Rachel Barne

INTRAMURALS

catch jump team dive
spike throw victory
shoot pass strategize
king block

I Remember ...

"The entertaining time with my friends; I really can't bowl."

Junior
**Tyler
Freeman**



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

"Intramurals are an extension of physical education for students not participating in an athletic team at the time. It's basically competition for students within the school."

Margene Van Horn

"Some students are very competitive while others are just having fun. All students are participating because they love to be active."

Deb Clark

INTRAMURAL CHAMPS

ULTIMATE FRISBEE: Matt Snyder, Josh Smith, Todd Schuring, Brian Melhus, Bryan Janssen, Andy Oldridge, Kyle Eastwood.

TEAM TENNIS: Bruno Orticelli, Dan George, Mike Van Dusseldorp, Adam Chenoweth, Ryan TerLouw.

SAND VOLLEYBALL: Brittany McCulla, Jena Marlow, Luke Ballenger, Vance Schuring, Nick Mulder, Billy Fox, Lucas Waits, Klayton Korver.

SOCCER: Bret Vander Streek, Ben Malsom, Alex Schuring, Louis Vander Streek, Tyler Boeyink, Pierce Hibma, Micah Ybarrola, Jon Miller.

TEAM GOLF: Austin Ewell, Hayes McCurry, Andrew Bradley, Nathan Kroese, Jim Dingeman.

ADVANCED BADMINTON: Ryan TerLouw, Micah Kraayenbrink.

INTERMEDIATE BADMINTON: Austin Ewell, Kile Boetger.

BEGINNER TABLE TENNIS DOUBLES: Katelyn DePenning, Billi Ellingson.

BEGINNER TABLE TENNIS SINGLES: Vince Mejia.

INTERMEDIATE TABLE TENNIS SINGLES: Ashley Meirick.

ADVANCED TABLE TENNIS SINGLES: Dan George.

INDOOR VOLLEYBALL: Jon Miller, Tyler Criss, Andy Kinne, Morgan Kelly, Lance DeVries.

3-ON-3 BASKETBALL: Ryan TerLouw, Kevin Van Dyke, Adam Chenoweth.

5-ON-5 BASKETBALL: Adam Chenoweth, Ryan TerLouw, Kevin Van Dyke, Ben Bollard, Stuart Steenhoek, Lucas Waits.

INDIVIDUAL BOYS' BOWLING: Freshman Brandon Sietstra, sophomore Cory Lovan, junior Nathan Van Kampen, senior Joe Knight.

INDIVIDUAL GIRLS' BOWLING: Freshman Brenna Boat, sophomore Takara Hrdlicka, junior Lindsay Donahue, senior Jaimie Fuller.

FRESHMAN GIRLS' TEAM BOWLING: Brenna Boat, Megan Renaud, Hillary Van Horn, Suzanne Wares.

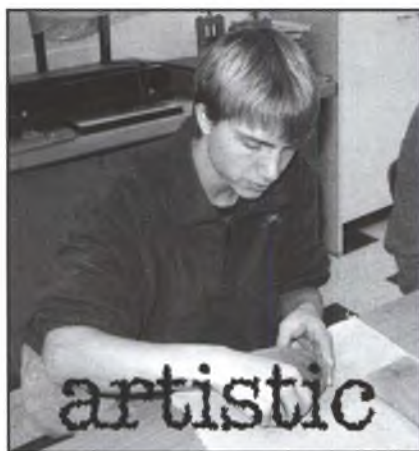
SOPHOMORE BOYS' TEAM BOWLING: Austin Ewell, Aaron Corbin, Cory Lovan, Cal Vos.

SENIOR BOYS' TEAM BOWLING: Tyler Criss, Lance DeVries, Scott Ewell, Joe Knight, Tyler Roose.



Clubs/Academics

active knowledge focused success
helpful
interests organized
time management dedicated
motivated
beneficial studios community



Creative

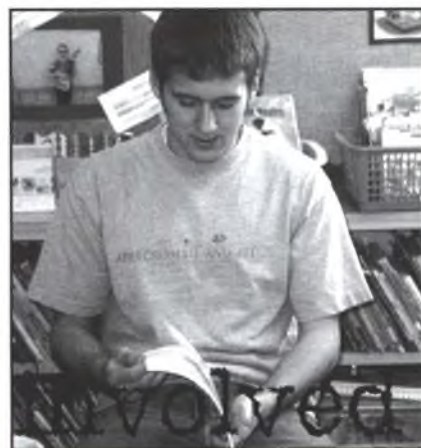
Getting messy and having fun were combined in ceramics and art classes. Art teacher **Jim Emmert** worked with students to help them understand how to use ceramics. In the class, students worked with clay, glazes and the potter's wheel to create their works of art. The students worked diligently on sculptures which was their biggest project of the year.

"It's a fun class to have my last year. **Mr. Emmert** is a great teacher. We created pots with spouts," said senior **Oakley Klein**, working on a clay pot during ceramics class.

Volunteering

During March, students returned to elementary schools to read to students as part of the Read-A-Million Minutes program. **Gina Linn's** and **Wendy Vander Linden's** English classes read to younger kids while others read as volunteers. Junior **Brian Melhus**, right, was one of these volunteers. Read-A-Million Minutes helped encourage students to read.

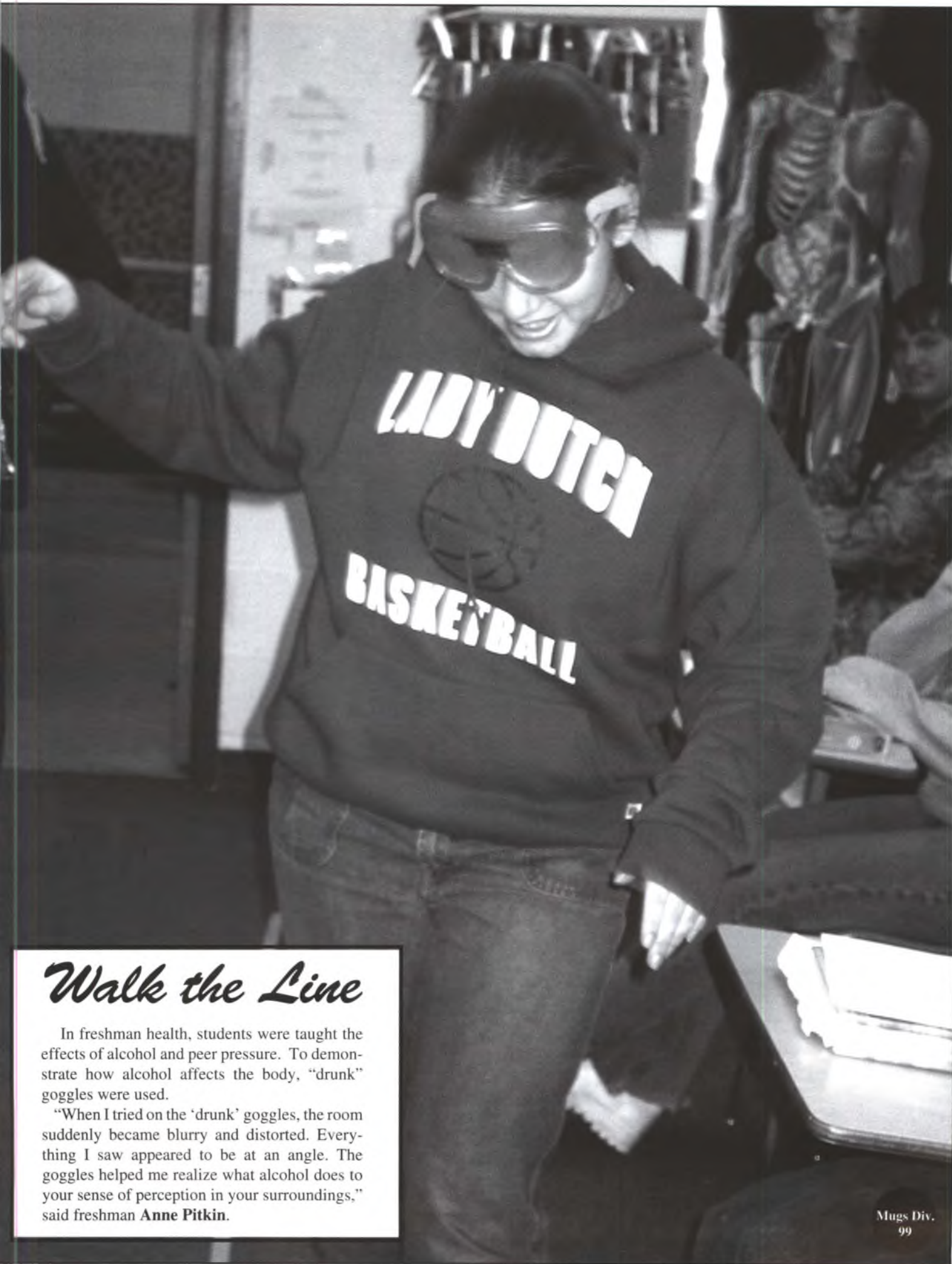
"I really enjoyed reading to the elementary school kids. In addition, seeing their reactions throughout the story was a lot of fun. Overall, it was a great experience," said **Melhus**.



Hands-on-Learning

Among the new classes added to the schedule were Fashion Design and A+ Computer. Fashion Design was taken by 24 students. The class taught students about entrepreneurship, clothing design, fabrics, alterations, color schemes and many careers in the fashion industry. During an alteration unit, students brought in clothing that didn't fit, and instructor **Joyce Nelson** showed them what could be done to make the item fit better.

"Learning what I could do to make my coat fit better was interesting. It didn't really help because I knew I wouldn't be able to fix it," said sophomore **Madi Van Haaften**, left, with **Nelson**.



Walk the Line

In freshman health, students were taught the effects of alcohol and peer pressure. To demonstrate how alcohol affects the body, "drunk" goggles were used.

"When I tried on the 'drunk' goggles, the room suddenly became blurry and distorted. Everything I saw appeared to be at an angle. The goggles helped me realize what alcohol does to your sense of perception in your surroundings," said freshman **Anne Pitkin**.

COMMUNICATING

Language arts, foreign language classes allow students to connect with others

•Allison Mansueto

READING & WRITING LAB

SPANISH

CREATIVE WRITING

HUMANITIES

FRENCH

ADVANCED WRITING

ENGLISH

SPEECH

SCIENCE FAIR SUCCESS

Take your pick.
So many people,
so many inventions.
Who would you
choose to learn
more about?

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Learning About Laws

Studying the inventor **Johannes Kepler** taught juniors **Hannah Smith** and **Annie Ter Louw** about the laws of the planetary eclipse, something neither of them previously knew about. "The science fair was fun because it was something completely different from what we had done before. We figured out what **Kepler** was most acclaimed for, which were the laws of planetary eclipse. We then took his ideas and made a model of the planet orbiting the sun," said **Smith**.

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Giving Credit to Inventors

Juniors **Chris Landon** and **Andy Lundgren** studied the inventor **Robert Hooke**, known for Hooke's Law. Humanities students not only studied the inventions but also how the inventions applied to the present. **Landon** recognized the importance and relevancy of the science fair. "It was fun. I learned a lot about scientists and inventors of the past. Without them, we wouldn't have as much technology as we have today," said **Landon**.

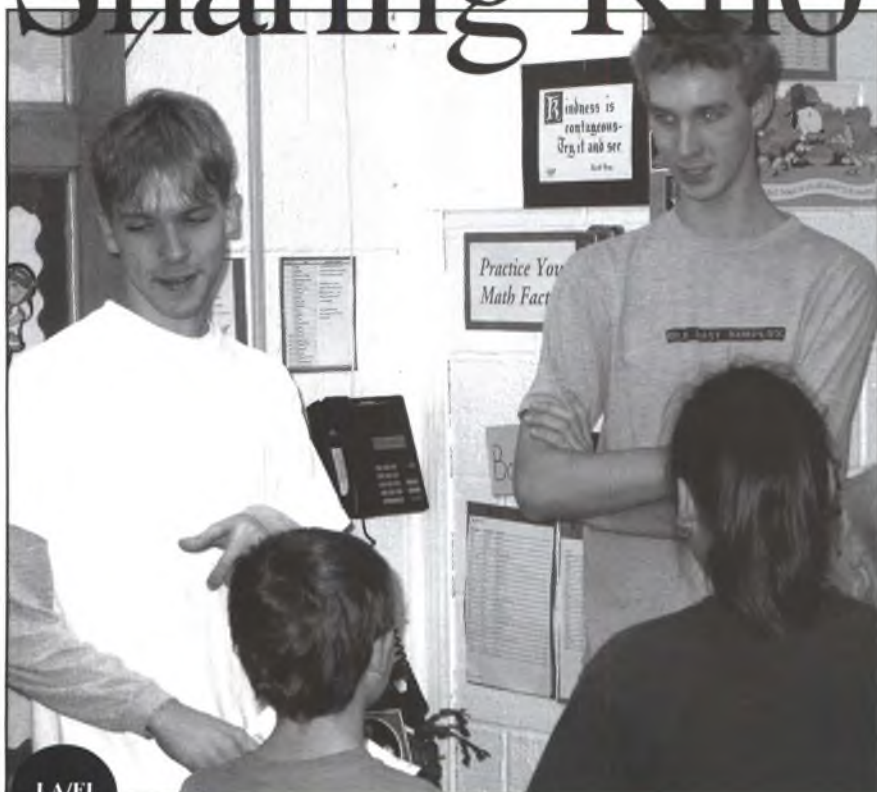
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Full Steam Ahead

For the humanities science fair, juniors **Lacy May** and **Ma Scharff** demonstrated how a steam engine and its various parts operated. The class divided into pairs and each group was required to present a poster to the class and speak about an invention. **Ma** found that the project was fairly challenging. "We made a display that showed the working parts of a steam engine. The hardest part was figuring out how it worked," said **May**, right.

COLLEGE SPANISH

Sharing Knowledge



Students went to Webster Elementary to teach second graders Spanish vocabulary. College Spanish students played games with the youngsters, including; word puzzles, color guessing games and an obstacle course the elementary students walked through blindfolded.

"It was fun in a way, but kind of different trying to teach the little kids Spanish. They had a lot of fun doing their own thing most of the time," said senior **Josh Haman**.

Through education the second graders and high schoolers were able to bridge the age gap and learn more about each other.

"It was fun to help the children increase their Spanish vocabulary," said senior **Daron Van Wyk**.

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Hola, Los Niños. Hello, Children.

Seniors **Josh Haman** and **Daron Van Wyk** participate in the College Spanish field trip to Webster Elementary. They went to help teach second graders new Spanish vocabulary.



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Future Writers

Intro. to Journalism students learned were taught many writing

skills. Some wrote and designed a column in the Pelladium. "I liked taking pictures with the digital camera and learning to use

Photoshop and Pagemaker. It was a relief to go to a class that I could learn and have fun at the same

time," said freshman **Beatriz Mate-Kodjo**, left, with freshman **Meagan Dahlin**.

POETRY CONTEST

Creativity Revealed



Poets from all classes competed in the First Annual Poetry Contest. English teacher **Dave Ross** was in charge of the contest. Junior **Emily Bensink** was first with her poem 'Grandma's Attic'. Senior **Kevin Van Dyke** placed second overall for 'The Harvest'. Sophomore **Jeremy Hanson** was third for his poem 'Brittle Glass'. The winning works were featured in the June Pelladium. **Van Dyke** also received third in the senior class for his poem, 'Untitled'.



Untitled

by Kevin Van Dyke

I look at a picture of this young girl,
My mind suddenly goes in a whirl.

I think back to the times that we have spent,
And how much I've cherished them and how much they've meant.

My time with her is like a refreshing summer breeze,
Always putting my mind at ease.

No matter what happens we'll be together,
For that our relationship will last forever.

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A Look

Into the Past

Students in **Gina Linn's** English 10 classes spent the day learning about Pella's Dutch Heritage during their trip to the Vermeer Windmill and Scholte House. Sophomores **Cassie Jones** and **Skyler Dobernecker**, left, listen to their guide lecture on the Scholte House. "Since we almost never get out of school, it was nice to be able to go on the English field trip. I really enjoyed the break," said **Jones**.



STRIKE A POSE

A Walk Down The Runway

Students took to the aisles and strutted their stuff as they dressed in some quite interesting clothing for their modeling debut in Spanish I. The show was used to help teach students their clothing vocabulary. Spanish instructor **Gretchen Klein** was able to keep the atmosphere fun and professional. "The fashion show was great, and I had an enjoyable time. It really gave me a chance to step out of my box. Some of the costumes were quite interesting, including mine," said sophomore **Derek Groenendyk**, above.

SPANISH I



•Luisa Orticelli

•THESPIANS •

Thespians, Debate, Speech

Thespians came together and performed "The Crucible" while debate ended their season second in the conference. Speech students earned 29 "I" ratings. Senior **Amy Cline** (right) performs in "The Crucible."



Debate

Lech Harris (captain)
Dan De Haan
Leta Hanson
Michael Trotter
Elisabeth Kleven
Ashley Dorman
Joey Groenenboom
Chelsey Dahm
Jon De Haan

@ Pella
Affirmative 0-2
Negative 1-1

@Winterset
Affirmative 1-1
Negative 2-0
JV Affirmative 1-0
JV Negative 0-1

@Knoxville
Affirmative 1-1
Negative 2-0
JV Affirmative 0-3
JV Negative 1-2

@Grinnell
Affirmative 1-1
Negative 2-0
JV Affirmative 1-0
JV Negative 1-1

@Indianola
Affirmative 2-0
Negative 1-1

@Dallas Center-Grimes
Affirmative 1-1
Negative 2-0
JV Affirmative 2-0

Varsity Record: 15-7
JV Record: 6-7

Debate
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Thespians participate, play

Thespians and other actors and actresses performed the play "The Crucible." Opening night was on Halloween, adding to the theme of the play. Thespians also participated in both large and individual speech contests throughout the year. To raise money for the contests they held three bake sales during the school day to pay the expenses to go to the competitions.

Four-year member senior **Amy Cline** joined Thespians as a freshman because her older brother was in it.

"The main reason I was in Thespians was to beat my brother and do better than him, and I accomplished that. All of his

friends were in it and I started hanging out with his friends, so I decided to join," said **Cline**.

For senior **Kyle Simpson**, a Thespian initiate, his first experience in theater came this year when he took the lead role of John Proctor in "The Crucible."

"It was nerve wracking because it was my first time. I felt pressured not to mess up and blow it, but it helped me step up to the plate and perform well," said **Simpson**.

Seniors **Michael Trotter** and **Gaoder Vue**, below, take a break from speech to enjoy a lollipop at their speech festival in Clinton. "Trotter and I had fun hanging out at the speech contest with lollipops. At speech contests you meet really interesting people, people who can befriend you, stalk you, and be very condescending," said **Vue**.



Senior **Steven Vander Linden** received make-up assistance from senior **Le Hanson** while preparing for the play "The Crucible." "The hardest part about being my character was trying to become an 80-year-old man for two performances," said **Vander Linden**. In addition to his play role, **Vander Linden** participated in speech contests. As a dual-enrolled student, he also performed in Pella Christian productions.

Thespians attend "Cabaret"

Thespians raised enough money to attend the musical "Cabaret" in Ames. The play is a story about a man who wishes to become a writer and moves to Germany to follow his dreams. Thespians attended the play to expose themselves to the arts. Before the play they ate at Hickory Park, Ames.

"We had a fun time bonding with each other. We had a small food fight that was quickly broken up by play director **Steven Woolery**. Afterwards, we went to the play. The play was great; it was a very good musical. I really enjoyed it because it gave me a view of Nazi Germans I had never noticed before, and it helped me understand them better. After the play we held a liberal conversation about it," said senior **Mike Aft**. Twenty students were a part of the Thespian trip.

Thespians

DEBATE • SPEECH



Junior **Joey Groenenboom** and senior **Chris Wills** help pack the Suburban for the speech contest in Clinton. "We helped pack the Suburban to go to the hotel in Clinton for the state contest. We had a fun time in the hotel and did really well at state. I got overall 1st ratings in everything that I did and all-state for after dinner speaking," said **Wills**.

The Point Is ...



Senior **Lech Harris** argues a critical point at the Pella debate contest. His argument turned the debate around, and Pella won against Indianola. The varsity debate team ended their season 15-7 and 9-5 in the conference, coming in second place. The JV finished their season 6-7.

Harris was rated the best debater in the conference.

"As time goes on I like arguing with people more and more, and debate is a legitimate way to let that out.

The best part is when the varsity debates the JV every once in a while and when we confuse debate teams from other towns and tell them that we have never debated before and then kill them completely in the debate," said **Harris**.

Debate

Speech members find variety

Learning from others was a big part of speech competitions as participants got to see speech interpretations.

"It was fun to go to the competitions and not only perform but also see how other people interpret their pieces in their performance," said sophomore **Lisa Jaarsma**.

Speech members also met new people and performed their speeches after the memorization was done.

"I really enjoyed speech this year and talking to all the interesting characters at the competition. The best part about speech was performing after working so hard on it," said junior **Joey Groenenboom**.

Trying new things sparked interest in speech contests.

"I was able to try reader's theatre; it was different but fun to try to fluctuate. It was very interesting," said senior **Heather Lukens**.



•Senior **Kyle Simpson** and junior **Tyler Boeyink** rehearse a play they performed together. They received a "T" rating on the play. "We practiced for about an hour each day. By practice I mean junior **Brandon Boat** wrote snide remarks about **Simpson**. Senior **Lech Harris** yelled a lot, and junior **Dan George** often times left during random parts," said **Boeyink**.

Speech

District/State Large Group Results

•"God's Country" - I, I. Amy Cline, Gaoder Vue, Steven Vander Linden, Richard Spierenburg, David Trotter
•"White Room of My Remembering" - I, I. Anna Whatling, Vue, LaCosta Goos, Kyle Simpson, Michael Trotter, Samantha McCurry
•"The Octet Bridge Club" - I, I. Aleisha Brummel, Cline, Whatling, Emma Vander Well, Jacqueline Moore, Katie Collins, Goos, Lisa Jaarsma, Megan Weiler, Michelle Steenhoek
•"Bread 2" - I, I. Brandon Boat, Tyler Boeyink, Dan George, Lech Harris, Simpson
•Group Improvisation - II. Boat, Dan De Haan, Harris, Nick Miller, William Van Weelden

District/State Individual Contest

•Joey Groenenboom, after-dinner, I, II;
•M. Trotter, after dinner, I, I; acting, I, I;
•Vander Linden, acting, I, I; public address, I, I;
•Chris Wills, after dinner, I, I; spontaneous, I, I;
•Spierenburg, acting, I, I;
•Cline, acting, I, II; storytelling, I, II;
•Vue, literary program, I, II; poetry, II;
•Boat, improvisation, I; spontaneous, II;
•Steenhoek, poetry, I; literary program, II;
•Elisabeth Kleven, public address, I, II.
•Moore, expository address, II;
•Groenenboom, prose, II; Harris, improvisation, II; spontaneous, II; Amanda Wills, poetry, II; Goos, acting, II; Jaarsma, prose, II;

Mike Alft, Catie Beck, Cassandra Boertje, Kendra Bouwers, Aleisha Brummel, Amy Cline, Dan De Haan, LaCosta Goos, Leta Hanson, Lech Harris, Dan Hunt, Oakley Klein, Katie Kniff, Heather Lukens, Samantha McCurry, Nick Miller, Tiffany Pol, Jason Renaud, Kyle Simpson, Kate Sloan, Michelle Steenhoek, Co-President Michael Trotter, Steven Vander Linden, William Van Weelden,

Co-President Gaoder Vue, Megan Weiler, Anna Whatling, Michelle Westra, Adam Whitehead, Chris Wills, Alexis Baugh, Brandon Boat, Toney Chem, Katie Collins, Dan George, Joey Groenenboom, Sam Reicks, Richard Spierenburg, Emma Vander Well, Lisa Jaarsma, Elisabeth Kleven, Jacqueline Moore.

Thespians

In the Iowa High School Press Association newspaper competition, the 2002 Pelladium was first in graphics and design as well as third in writing. The Duchess was first for the 2002 fall yearbook contest, and it also was named a Neubert Award winner. •Sophomore **Kassie Sneller**, right, works on her February/March spread for the 2003 book.



Top Dog: Yearbook Editor senior **Lindsay Korver** had been part of the yearbook staff for four years. "Being the editor has given me a lot of responsibilities. It has been challenging but being a staff member is definitely worth all the work," said **Korver**, pictured with senior **Brittany McCulla**.

Fourth Year: Lindsay Korver

Third Year: Jaimie Fuller, Brittany McCulla

Second Year: Angela LoThi, Lauren Birkel, Rachel Barnes

First Year: Catie Beck, Jordy Bloodsworth, Ashley Heisdorffer, Heather Kraayenbrink, Allison Mansueto, Danielle Newendorp, Luisa Orticelli, Sonya Ravenstein (1st semester), Rachel Shaw, Kassie Sneller, Sara Steenhoek, Kelli Van Wyk, Blair Verhoef (2nd semester)

Good Work Takes Time

In order to continue the excellence that has been earned in the yearbook area, staff members had to work hard to complete their pages.

"When deadlines came, everything got a little hectic. If you had made good progress for that deadline, it was not as stressful, but usually I had to finish up on things. Nevertheless, problems could arise last minute and that was very frustrating. Completion was more or less satisfying and definitely a load off of your shoulders!" said junior **Rachel Barnes**. **Barnes**, below, interviewed art teacher **Jim Emmert** about one of his class projects for her fine arts spread.

It took commitment by everyone on the yearbook staff to complete a well-rounded yearbook.

"We all had to help each other out in order to be able to make our deadlines. You really learned good teamwork skills inside the classroom," said sophomore **Allison Mansueto**.

Completion was the major goal for the yearbook staff.

"After completing a spread, it felt like you lifted a huge weight off of your shoulders. It was very stressful around deadline time, but when you were finished, it felt bunches better," said senior **Jaimie Fuller**, a three-year staff member.



Going Beyond the Facts

Both publication staffs had to keep the student body and, in some cases, the community, informed about what was happening at the high school.

"The yearbook and newspaper kept me up-to-date on the happening around school when I didn't always have time to be everywhere at once," said sophomore **Kara Fillmore**.

Memories made throughout the year were significant to many people, and being able to look back on them was entertaining.

"Being able to look back on my year and read about the things that I didn't get to attend was interesting to me because I got to remember my good times," said freshman **Nate Voelker**. In order to have a yearbook completed, took devoted students.

"When I looked at the yearbook and newspaper I thought it was neat that people my age published it," said sophomore **Paig McGriff**.

"Yearbook was a great experience because I learned about cooperation, working with others, and getting things done on time."

Junior **Blair Verhoef**

"I think the yearbook is something that I can be proud of. It just made me want to buy a bunch of copies for my family and show them the work that I had done."

Senior **Catie Beck**

PAPER • QUILL & SCROLL



One Last Look: Junior **Amanda Van Sant** reviews the front page of the Pelladium at the Iowa High School Press Association. "Newspaper was a great experience. Being in charge of the front page was really rewarding, but it was hard to catch the reader's attention each time. I tried to do the best I could, but with the help of other staff members it turned out great!" said **Van Sant**.

Quill and Scroll

Chapter Reactivated



Quill & Scroll was reactivated last year at the end of the year, and juniors **Lauren Birkel**, **Emma Vander Well**, and **Lyndsay Van Maaren** were the first members in the group since the 1960's. Quill and Scroll recognizes high academic success and contributions made in school publications. Left, **Vander Well** assists fifth grader **Megan Harsch** with her article for the class

newspaper the group created under the direction of fifth grader teacher **Lisa Zylstra**. "It was fun to go and help Mrs. Zylstra's class," said **Ann Visser**, publications adviser. "Hopefully, our students were able to help her students create a better publication."

Quill & Scroll

Stressful Times Pay Off

Hard work and dedication was one of the major roles that was played by the Pelladium staff.

"Newspaper is a lot of fun but it takes a lot of hardwork and dedication. I spent a lot of time out of class working on stories and laying out my page for the Pelladium. In the end, all of my hard work and dedication paid off because what we put out was great!" said junior **Lyndsay Van Maaren**.

Although their hard work was a long and tough process, everyone rushing to get a paper the day it came out was well earned and appreciated.

"Newspaper was unlike any other class. You had the freedom to move around the class and work. It was really cool the day that the paper came out, and everyone was scrambling trying to get one of our papers. It made it all worthwhile," said senior **Klayton Korver**.

Pelladium



Taking it Home: Adviser **Ann Visser**, Iowa High School Press Association vice president, presents senior **William Van Weelden** with the Pelladium's award for third place in writing at the IHSPA Fall Conference held in October in Ames. The staff also received first in graphics, led by four first place entries by senior **Lech Harris**. **Harris's** cartoon strip "Quint" was a favorite in the 2002-03 Pelladium.

Third Year: **Lech Harris**, **Klayton Korver**, **Kyle Simpson**, **Tremaine Versteeg**, **William Van Weelden**.

Second Year: **Danielle Brillhart**, **Alex Schuring**, **Emma Vander Well**, **Lyndsay Van Maaren**, **Amanda Van Sant**.

First Year: **Ryan Bettger**, **Tyler Boeyink**, **Dan De Haan**, **Jim Dingeman**, **Joe ErkenBrack**, **Tommy Fritz**.

1st Semester Only:

Courtney Fleenor, **Kayla Kafka**, **Emmanuel Mate-Kodjo**, **Michael Van Dusseldorp**.

Awards

Third, Iowa Press Women. **Van Sant**, first, page layout; **Vander Well** and **Van Maaren**, third, news story; **Harris**, second and third, 'Toon Time'; **Fritz**, second, graphics; senior **Heather Kraayenbrink**, third, feature photo; junior **Jordy Bloodworth**, honorable mention, feature photo; **Harris** and **Van Weelden**, third, column writing; and, **De Haan** and **Schuring**, reviews, honorable mention.

Iowa High School Press Association. **Fritz**, first, illustrations; staff, second, graphics; **Harris**, first, editorials; second, editorials; **Harris** and **Van Weelden**, second, columns; junior **Lauren Birkel**, honorable mention, feature photo; senior **Catie Beck**, news photo, third; **Bloodworth**, news photo, honorable mention; **Vander Well** and **Van Maaren**, first, news story; **Kafka**, first, sports photo.

Lauren Birkel
Emma Vander Well
Lyndsay Van Maaren

Quill & Scroll Members

Pelladium Staff Members

INTERESTED

Social studies classes use the opportunity to get students involved

•Jordy Bloodsworth

WORLD HISTORY

GOVERNMENT ISSUES & ANSWERS

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HUMANITIES

WORLD GEOGRAPHY

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TAKING A NEW APPROACH

Need to be involved?
Here are some solutions.
Social studies classes had real-life politicians visit, to a miniature size model of an ancient castle made.



Hines Gets Involved

Assistant coach for the JV and varsity boys' basketball teams was Central College student **Adam Hines**. **Hines** also helped instruct **Mark Core**'s government and sociology classes along with **Bryant Hancock**'s American history classes. Freshman **Trevor Patch** enjoyed his sense of humor. "It was fun having **Mr. Hines** help out in class. He was kind of goofy at times and fun to be around. We also decided to give him the name **Mr. Ketchup**," said **Patch**.



Students Take on Roles

Mock trials were held in instructor **Mark Core** judicial government class. **Core** served as the judge, and the students took on the roles as lawyers and witnesses. Jury members were composed of students who volunteered their time to participate. Senior **Ben Bollard** thought it was a useful learning experience. "It allowed us to gain skills in public speaking, appearance and presentation, all skills we can use in the real world, while having fun at the same time," said **Bollard**.



Candidate Visits Government

A candidate for the United States House of Representatives was **Stan Thompson**, who ran against **Leonard Boswell**, visited **Mark Core**'s government class. He discussed the many different roles running for his position. Senior **Annie Carlson** (right) talked with **Thompson**. "He had some interesting political views that really made me think that there were many aspects to consider when voting for a candidate," said senior **Stuart Steenhoek**.

WORLD HISTORY

Castles in the Making



During the Europe in the Middle Ages unit world history students built castles as an extra credit project for instructors **Dak Rasmussen** and **Bryan Mours**. Students began their projects by designing a blueprint sketch of their future castle and then building a 3-D version of it from various materials. They were required to incorporate stairs, a moat, arrow loops and a keep. Junior **Chris Corbin** creates his castle from Legos. Junior **Bryan Janssen** helped create the scenery with his box of Legos. "The project took an extremely long time to complete and only gave us a minuscule amount of extra credit," said **Corbin**.



Junior **Megan Pothoven**, along with her classmate **Maria Goodman**, left, present their 3-D castle to the world history class to earn extra credit. "Building the castle was a fun project. We got to use our imagination in building this. We were doing homework and having fun at the same time," said **Pothoven**.



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Renaissance Research
 Creating posters of a Renaissance artist.

was a project for junior **Lauren Birkel** and classmate **Lyndsay Van Maaren** "I didn't

even know who Raphael was at first, but I ended up learning a lot about him. **Mr. Mours** requires a

lot of color, so the majority of the time **Lyndsay** and I spent making the poster colorful," said **Birkel**.

HUMANITIES

Medieval Feast



Humanities students arrived at school earlier than usual and prepared their food for the medieval feast for humanities. Before they began their feast they got into medieval attire that was suitable for the feast. "Dressing up for our medieval day in humanities was lots of fun. I got to wear my princess hat that my aunt made for me. I felt so medieval," said junior **Lindsay Graham**. The students also had a discrete voting session to decide on the humanities king and queen. Instructor **Dak Rasmussen** announced king **Sam Reicks** (junior), above, and queen **Loni May** (junior) to be royalty for the day. "It was a great honor, but the real winners were the class who had the honor of being governed by me," said **Reicks**. Students cooked many different pastas and pizzas that related to the medieval times and brought them to school to share with their class. The foods had a variety of spices and flavors that the students were not accustomed to eating on a regular basis. "Eating in humanities was a lot of fun. I didn't like everything I tried because some required an acquired taste," said junior **Annie Ter Louw**.



□□□ Trip to the Capitol

Visiting the State Capitol gave **Mark Core's** government issues and answers class a chance to see how the state legislature works. Seniors **Tyler Cowman** and **Nick Mulder**, left, listen to the tour guide. The day was divided into three parts, including a senate session, tour and interviews with the legislature. "It was fun going to the capitol, especially when we got to interview people and learn about the state's money," said senior **Kay Haustein**.



U.S. HISTORY RACE AGAINST TIME *Putting the pieces together*

History Instructor **Bryan Mours** had freshmen race in teams to build team working skills. Freshmen raced in teams to build their team working skills. The freshmen had to put together a 100-piece puzzle of the United States in the shortest amount of time. Freshman **Bret Vander Streek** and **Elysia Purnell** work on the puzzle to try and beat the record time of 3:40 held by freshmen **Cody Sanders**, **Joel Bouwers**, **Paul Michaels**, **Brenna Boat**, **Nicki Halvorsen**, **Joe LeMay** and **Jay Gehrt**. "It became a big competition, and I'm certain everyone enjoyed doing them. It was a nice break from class," said **Boat**.



•STUDENT COUNCIL •NHS

•Sara Steenhoek

Oskaloosa student council members visited April 9 for the student council exchange. They followed the Pella student council members to their classes to find out what a day at Pella was like. The councils also spent time talking about ways to better their schools in the future. Right, freshman **Ashley Meirick** and **Ashley Dorman** lead Osky student council member **Jill Wellman** around the high school.



•Sophomores **Curtis Brobst**, **Alli Linn**, **Travis Bogaards** and **Sara Langham** were inducted into the National Honor Society on stage while their fellow classmates applauded. "The ceremony was really boring, but I'm glad to have the opportunity to be in the NHS," said **Linn**.

Student Council

Emmanuel Mate-Kodjo, student body president; Kyle Simpson, student body vice president; Ashley Braun, senior president; Jon Carter, Amy Laug, Heather Lukens, senior class members; Angela LoThi, junior president; Brandon Boat, Tyler Boeyink, Whitney Metcalf, junior class members; Luisa Orticelli, sophomore president; Lindsay Blair, Naina Barnett, Nathan DeZwarte, sophomore class members; Jason Dole, freshman president; Paige Nelson, Ashley Dorman, Ashley Meirick, freshman class members.

Team 1: Naina Barnett, Brandon Boat, Ashley Dorman, Lech Harris, Emmanuel Mate-Kodjo, Lauren Oscarson, Kyle Simpson, Sierra Smith

Team A: Rebecca Burch, Jon Birkel, Alicia Brummel, Kristen Burghorn, Meagan Dahlin, Ross Langel, Stuart Steenhoek, Michael

Trotter

Give a Little, Get a Little

Student Council

The student council hosted a food drive that began on Dec. 2. All the proceeds were given to the Pella Food Shelf.

For this competition, each class competed to see who could get the most points. The results were added to the overall score for each class competition throughout the year. The two competitions were the results from Homecoming and the food drive.

The sophomores won the can drive, juniors placed second, freshman third and seniors, last.

"It was cool to win the food drive, besides the sense of winning, we also had the sense of charity. It

was nice to finally win something," said sophomore **Luke Borgman**.

Student council members helped bring the food over to the food shelf at Peace Lutheran Church.

"It was really nice being able to give during the Christmas season. It was also cool because student council actually did something other than Homecoming preparations," said junior **Angela LoThi**.

•Senior **Emmanuel Mate-Kodjo**, student body president, loads the back of student council leader, **Dak Ramussen's**, SUV with canned goods for the food shelf. "It felt really good to see that we had such great participation from all the classes. That SUV couldn't have fit another can in it. The best feeling was knowing that we were helping families have a better Christmas," said **Mate-Kodjo**.



Dedication Pays Off

National Honor Society

Working hard finally paid off for 36 sophomores, juniors, and seniors who were inducted into the National Honor Society on February 27. Seniors **Ryan TerLouw**, **Tremain VerSteeg**, **Billi Ellingson**, and **Katelyn DePenning** led the celebration, and **Gin Linn** was the guest speaker.

Students watched a slide show of all the NHS student working hard together inside the classroom and out. Each student then lit a candle of the traits that best exemplified them: character, service, leadership, or scholarship. The NHS heads up many projects in the year and is involved in the elementary schools by helping with field days and participating in the carnival for Read a Million Minutes.

"Although the ceremony was kind of cheesy, I'm glad I have the opportunity to take part in National Honor Society," said sophomore **Lindsay Blair**.

KNOWLEDGE BOWL • MOCK TRIAL



Seniors **D.J. Henle**, **Pierce Hibma**, **Adam Chenoweth** and **Ryan TerLouw** diligently answer questions during the preliminary trials of the Knowledge Bowl. This group was one of four that competed from PHS. "It was fun to take time out of class to be with some friends. Some of the fun was dampened by our horrible performance," said **Henle**.

Knowledge is Key



Trying to outwit 196 other Knowledge Bowl teams from different schools was what the Knowledge Bowl was based upon. Instructor **Linda Nollen** worked with the teams from Pella to prepare them. This year five teams tried out, and three made it to the preliminary round. Those teams competed Oct. 23 and took the tests on the computer to try and make it to the final round.

Twenty-four teams made it to the final round in Des Moines. No teams from Pella made it to the final round, but they all scored in the top third of the state. "We tried really hard, and it's just too bad no one made it," said sophomore **Takara Hrdlicka**. Above, **Hrdlicka** concentrates on answering a question, along with sophomore **Andrew Oakland**.

Learning the Law

With the assistance of Coach **Linda Nollen**, 16 students learned how the court system works. These students, representing all grades, spent many hours learning lines and roles for mock trial. They practiced their roles as witnesses, lawyers, defense and prosecution. The teams, consisting of eight people, went to the Des Moines County Courthouse, Burlington on March 8. There they performed their roles in the trial against other schools' teams.

"It was a lot of fun, and I learned a lot about law, but I'd never do it again," said freshman **Rebecca Burch**.

Both teams placed at the trial. Team I received third place; Team A placed fifth.

"Although practices were rough and at times unity was a factor, it was one of the better experiences I've had in high school," said senior **Stuart Steenhoek**.

Neither teams advanced to state finals.



•Sophomore **Naina Barnett** gives her opening statement during a preparation after school for Mock Trial. "Mock Trial was really fun, and our team did really well even though we had some emotional bursts," said **Barnett**.

Mock Trial

Lindsy Blair, Travis Bogaard, Curtis Brobst, Marie Bruns, Josiah Carter, Derek Forsythe, Derek Groenendyk, Zach Hogan, Takara Hrdlicka, Danielle Jacobson, Yupeng Jin, Dan Johnson, Andy Knight, Joe Langenfeld, Sara Langham, Alli Linn, Danielle Newendorp, Brett Nikkel, Andrew Oakland, Bruno Orticelli, Sara Steenhoek, Sarah Stuckey, April Stursma, Ryan VanRoekel, Jill VanVark, Jordan Williams, Amanda Wills, Rachel Barnes, Emily Bensink, Lauren Birkel, Ryan Boswell, Amber Breuklander, Chris Buitenwerf, Tony Chem, Alison Corbett, Jasen Dahm, Danielle Descoteau, Jon Erickson, Casey Flanagan, Courtney Fleenor, Dan George, Maria Goodman, Matt Goodyk, Lindsay Graham, Joey Groenenboom, Isaac Holt, Kelly Hudson, Bryan Janssen, Stephanie Kindred, Michael Langenfeld, Sophie Linn, Angela LoThi, Andy Lundgren, Megan McCombs, Brian Melhus, Whitney Metcalf, Matt Scharff, Matt Schnell, Todd Schuring, Josh Smith, Matt Snyder, Tara Sorensen, Becky Steenhoek, Seamus Turnbull, Kellee VanHemert, Nathan VanKampen, Lyndsay VanMaaren, Lara VanWyk, Louis VanderStreek, Emma VanderWell, Luke Ballenger, Catie Beck, Adrian Bell, Cassandra Boertje, Jessica Boertje, Ben Bollard, Aleshia Brummel, Jon Carter, Adam Chenoweth, Katelyn DePenning, Jeff Dole, Billi Ellingson, Jill Garvey, Sarah Gilpin, LaCosta Goos, Lech Harris, Kay Haustein, D.J. Henle, Pierce Hibma, Kayla Kafka, Morgan Kelly, Joey Knight, Lindsay Korver, Klayton Korver, Heather Kraayenbrink, Brittany LeMay, Heather Lukens, Jena Marlow, Tracy Marlow, Lindsay McFarland, Kathryn Phillips, Tiffany Pol, Sonya Ravestein, Tyler Roose, Amber Seekamp, Kate Sloan, Jeff Steenhoek, Michelle Steenhoek, Stuart Steenhoek, Ryan TerLouw, Kayla VanderWert, Michael VanDusseldorp, Kevin VanDyke, Jaci VanEe, Daron VanWyk, Bryan Venteicher, Tremaine Versteeg, Sarah Vos, Gaoder Vue, Megan Weiler, Anna Whatling.

Knowledge Bowl

Team A: Ben Bollard, Dan George, Andrew Lundgren, Stuart Steenhoek, Nathan Van Kampen **Team B:** Adam Chenoweth, D.J. Henle, Pierce Hibma, Ryan TerLouw, Andy Versluys **Team C:** Takara Hrdlicka, Derek Groenendyk, Joe Langenfeld, Alli Linn, Andrew Oakland

SELF-EXPRESSION

Fine Arts classes give students a chance to express themselves, show creative talents

•Rachel Barnes

2-D & 3-D VISUAL ORCHESTRA PAINTING I & II SELECT CHOIR TREBLE & BASS CHOIR BAND
CONCERT CHOIR DRAWING I & II SHOW CHOIR CERAMICS DIGITAL GRAPHICS

EFFORT IS KEY

Inside and outside of the classroom, students make the best of class, practice, and show time.



Better Luck Next Time

The orchestra was unable to attend the Central College High School Orchestra Festival this year. With not enough practice time and more difficult music, the orchestra decided to skip. However, using every minute of second hour, they prepared for the IHSMA Large Group Contest. Junior **Amy Ryerson** made use of class time. "Orchestra this year hasn't been all that hard. Our orchestra was pretty good. Meeting second period was all the practice I need," said **Ryerson**.



Pursuing Excellence

When it came to band, members put a lot of time into mastering their sound. They spent time practicing at school and home while finding time for weekly individual lessons. Freshman **Ross Langel** felt without his lessons, he wouldn't make the time outside of school to practice. "I play the tenor saxophone, and I have a lesson once a week. I learned stuff that I wouldn't ordinarily have learned on my own. It also gave me a reason to practice," said **Langel**.



Drawing Shows Patriotism

Senior **April Rus** and sophomore **Yupeng Jin**, right, focus their attention toward a collage of American flags. A pencil and view finder was all it took. Drawing II students were given many opportunities to exercise their skills, drawing anything from eggs to American flags. Some even found coloring the sketch to be the most fun. "The drawing class has been fun; however, I didn't enjoy drawing the flags as much as coloring with the pastels," said **Rus**.

2-D VISUAL ARTS

Block Printing Rolls Back



For the first time in 20 years, 2-D visual art students were given the opportunity to do block printing. Students began by sketching an image as rough draft on paper. Next, they drew the sketch onto the actual block and began cutting with special knives.

"It was really neat that Mr. (**Jim**) **Emmert** brought back block printing because it widened the horizons of the class. Although carving was a little intimidating and stubborn, it was still worth it," said junior **Sarah Van Wyk**.

The class spent about two weeks carving, eager to see the final image. Blocks became too expensive to be available for each student each year, so the activity was stopped. Art teacher **Jim Emmert** was pleased with this year's decision.

"Experiencing block printing makes our students' art education more holistic," said **Emmert**.



Coming Through!

Junior **Joe Burch** manually cranks his block through the printer. "It took many times to get the print I approved of," said **Burch**.



□□□ Pot-ting It All Together

Ceramics students were busy during their

first three weeks. Two pinch pots, two coil pots, and two slab pots were required. Junior **Dustin**

Browne adds the final layer to his coil pot in ceramics. "The coil pot was my favorite to make. I looked forward

to ceramics because it gave me time to work and to chat with my friends at the same time," said **Browne**.

SHOW CHOIR

Practice Makes Perfect



Beginning in early November, show choir students began practices to work on their performance of the Broadway musical "The Newsies." The choir performed and did choreogra-

phy to four songs. After a snow storm delayed the competition day, the choir finally performed in Winterset on Feb. 10, receiving a Division I rating. Thirty-six students performed when the time came late that night. Senior **Lindsay McFarland**, above, dances away in practice for the big performance.

"We practiced for about three months, two times every week in the morning. After all the dances we learned and changes we made, we were finally acknowledged for all of our hard work," said **McFarland**.

Other students enjoyed the day's work at the state contest.

"We all dressed up like bums and danced around. It was a jolly good time!" said junior **Richard Spierenburg**.



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Up Close and Personal

Freshman **Jenna Parker** works on her self-portrait in Painting II. Students drew an enlargement of a self-portrait they brought in. They finished by painting it with tempora paint. Students also got their hands on water colors and shading colors. "It's been a good experience painting with tempora paint. It's different than the oil painting I'm used to. I've never done anything like this before. It was fun," said **Parker**.



ART APPRECIATION

DOWN UNDER

A Taste of Art History

Junior **Grace Martsching** busily etches her own drawings on the cement block walls in the depths of the school. Using chalk and charcoal, art appreciation students were given "hands on" experience for their studies. They were studying the history of paleolithic cave paintings from about 30,000 years ago found in France. "College art was the best art course I've taken. We've learned so much, and we got to try so many different art forms. The cave drawings were the most fun, even though they were the dirtiest," said **Martsching**.

•Brittany Mc Culla

Band, Vocals, Jazz Band, Orchestra. For many of these performance groups, the year brought concerts, competitions, camaraderie and more.

Band Members

Mike Alft, Tiffany Alft, Lauren Anderson, Alan Austin, Alexis Baugh, Tera Behning, Megan Bender, Caitlin Bettger, David Beyer, Nicole Beyer, Lindsay Blair, Brandon Boat, Brenna Boat, Kile Boetger, Chris Boeyink, Josh Bogaard, Travis Bogaard, Tim Bogaard, Janell Bollard, Luke Borgman, Ryan Boswell, Joel Bouwers, Ashley Braun, Andrea Brobst, Annie Carlson, Josiah Carter, Toney Chem, Adam Chenoweth, Chris Childress, Alison Corbett, Aaron Corbin, Alex Current, Meagan Dahlin, Jasen Dahm, Monica Davids, Philip Davidson, Jocelyn Davis, Dan DeHaan, Dustin DeHaan, Jon DeHaan, Nathan DeHeer, Stacey DeJoode, Nick DeRuiter, Nathan DeZwarte, Kelsey DenAdel, Katelyn DePenning, Katelyn Dingeman, Jason Dole, Jeff Dole, Ashley Dorman, Andrew Doyle, Chris Durham, Kyle Eastwood, Billi Ellingson, Tim Elzinga, Erika Engelbrecht, Jon Erickson, Kyle Erickson, Paola Espinosa, Kelly Eysink, Pady Fontana, Jaimie Fuller, Dan George, Kerry George, Sarah Gilpin, Emily Goodyk, Joseph Goodyk, Matt Goodyk(1st), Lindsay Graham, Joey Groenenboom, Derek Groenendyk, Cole Guillien, Alyssa Haman, Jeremy Hanson, Leta Hanson, Alicia Heersink, D.J. Henle (1st), Michelle Hiemstra, Izaac Holt, Takara Hrdlicka, Sam Hunt, Danielle Jacobson, Bryan Janssen, Yupeng Jin, Beth Jones, Kayla Kafka, Kristine Kermode, Jason Kingma, Kyrsten Klein, Elisabeth Kleven, Collin Knoll, Darren Koolstra (1st), Nathan Kroese, Ross Langel, Michael Langenfeld, Rachel Lent, Kayla Lewis, Alli Linn, Sophie Linn, Anthony Lopez, Ray J. Lovell, Christoph Lucke, Andrew Lundgren, Chris Lyng, Alison Mason, Beatriz Mate-Kodjo, Jay Mathes, Megan McCombs, Lindsay McFarland(1st), Mitch McFarland, Angela McNaughton, Vince Mejia, Stephen Meyer, Paul Michaels, Aaron Navarro, Brett Newendorp, Danielle Newendorp, Brett Nikkel, Jason Nunnikhoven, Andrew Oakland, Corey Oliver, Kyle Oppenhuizen, Dan Orange, Bruno Orticelli, Luisa Orticelli, Lauren Oscarson, Katie Ozinga, Stephanie Pearson, Briana Pfadenhauer, Jason Pfadenhauer(1st), Kathryn Phillips, Kiley Phillips, Anne Pitkin, Tiffany Pol, Megan Pothoven, Sam Reicks, Hillary Renaud, Megan Renaud(10th), Megan Renaud(11th), Gregory Reuter, Jessica Rietveld, Derek Roorda, Isaac Roorda, Josh Rozendaal, Ryan Salter(1st), Liesel Schroder, Amber Seekamp, Trent Sikkema, Ryan Sims, Kate Sloan, Sierra Smith, Gabriel Spencer, Richard Spierenburg, Becky Steenhoek, Bryce Steenhoek, Jeff Steenhoek, Sara Steenhoek, Suzanne Steenhoek, Kendra Strobel, April Sturmsma, Jon Tangen, Erika TerLouw, Jaci TerLouw, Jessica TerLouw, Matt TerLouw, Ryan TerLouw, Tanna VanDenBerg (1st), Laurel VanDusseldorp, Mike VanDusseldorp, Sam VanHaften, Kellie VanHemert, Kerry VanHemert, Hillary VanHorn, Nathan VanKampen, Brady VanVark, Jill VanVark, Katie VanVark (1st), Daron VanWyk, Justin VanZante, Brandon VanderLeest, Tyler VanderLinden, Lindsey VanderWert, Jacob Vaverka, Amanda Veenstra, Savannah Veenstra, Justin Ver Steeg(1st), Nicole Verhey (1st), Blair Verhoef, Jon Vermeer, Andrew Versluys, David Visser, David Vos, Sarah Vos, Suzanne Wares (1st), Joel Weiler, Dan Wichhart, Ashley Willemsen, Jor-

Marching band takes the stage

Marching Band

The Dec. 10 concert wasn't an ordinary band concert. They started the evening by playing traditional concert pieces, but then moved on to the selected three marching band songs. Over 200 marching band members filled the stage, including color guard members.

"I thought it was a good way to show the songs we were playing for the parades. It was different because we were in our uniforms and standing throughout the auditorium," said freshman **Tiffany Alft**.

"It was cool to be in the crowd

and performing. They seemed to really enjoy it, and that made it fun for us," said junior **Michael Langenfeld**.

Color guard member **Beth Jones**, senior, above, summed up the marching band's 'concert' performance in one word: exciting.

•Marching with the fifth graders is a traditional part of the marching band season. Every year the elementary students come and watch the band perform. Fifth graders then get to march with someone of their choice. Below, freshman **Brenna Boat** and fifth grader **Morgan Anderson** march on the football field on a morning in early October. "It was nice when the fifth graders came because we didn't have to have band practice," said **Boat**.



Chorus Members

CONCERT CHOIR. Brittney Anderson, Rachel Anderson, Brenna Boat, Tim Bogaards, Janell Bollard, Sara Collins, Amy DeZwarte, Katelyn Dingeman, Valerie Dugger, Jen Farmer, Chelsea Flanagan, Tara Franco, Jennifer Gosnell, Nikki Halvorsen, Lindsey Jansen, Matthew Kelly, Kyrsten Klein, Matt Lahvic, Lyndsey Lanser, Erin Lyman, Morgan Mock, Jacqueline Moore, Nancy Phiv, Hillary Renaud, Nikita Romick, Thomas Salz, Samantha Thomas, Jennifer Torres, Kelli VanWyk, Chelsea VandeLune, Sarah VanDenBerg, Narissa VanderWeide, Brandi Watkins

SELECT CHOIR. Naina Barnett, Adrian Bell, Cassia Boertje, Vanessa Boot, Ryan Boswell, Andrea Brobst, Aleisha Brummel, Marie Bruns, Jeni Cervellera, Tony Chem, Amy Cline, Katie Collins, Alison Corbett, Monica Davids, Jessica Dingeman, Joe ErkenBrack, Paola Espinosa, Charli Fontana, Sarah Gilpin, LaCosta Goos, Darwin Graham, Michelle Holthaus, Danielle Jacobson, MaryBeth Jones, Sara Langham, Ashley Lukens, Heather Lukens, Andrew Lundgren, Lacy May, Megan McCombs



•Senior **Steven Vander Linden** and junior **Richard Spierenburg** were involved with select choir. "Our Broadway Concert went very well; we had been practicing for many weeks. It all came together that night, and it was a huge success. Although most of audience had come to see the 'Bohemian Rhapsody,' I think they enjoyed it all as a whole," said **Vander Linden**.

Select Choir goes Broadway

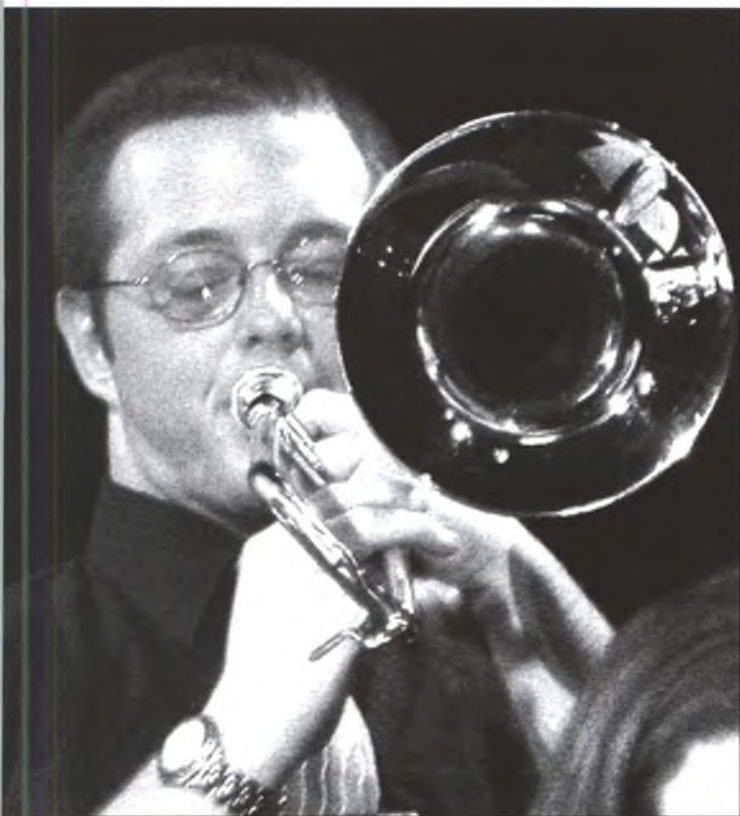
Select choir tried a new approach to their March 15 concert, calling it a Broadway Concert. This was different from the other concerts as it featured more solos.

"I thought it went really good. I thought the drums were a nice effect to the concert," said junior **Ashley Lukens**.

"The best part about the concert was getting to hear everyone's solos and everyone being able to share their talent with the audience because we have a wide variety of talent," said senior **Sarah Vos**.

Broadway Concert

•JAZZ •ORCHESTRA



It was the first year for senior **Ray J. Lovell** as a member of Jazz I. "It took a lot of commitment and time. It was a lot fun if you like to play music, and it's something I will remember for a long long time," said **Lovell**.

• Jazz I takes third in state

Jazz I qualified for the Iowa Jazz Championships on April 8. Jazz I finished third in their class in the Championships in Polk County. Senior **Chris Boeyink** was recognized as one of four top performers in Class 3A. "Overall, we had a pretty good year. We did a lot better than we expected. We were disappointed for the way things turned out at state, but all in all it was a good year," said **Boeyink**. Junior **Kellee Van Hemert**, left, plays the saxophone.



Samantha McCurry, Lindsay McFarland, Ashley Orr, Tiffany Pol, Ashley Roorda, Matt Schnell, Matt Schreiner, Kate Sloan, Richard Spierenburg, Becky Steenhoek, Heidi Steenhoek, Michelle Steenhoek, Sarah Stuckey, David Trotter, Michael Trotter, Michael VanDusseldorp, Steven VanderLinden, Natasha VanderWeide, Sarah Vos, Megan Weiler, Anna Whatling, Amanda Wills, Heidi Wouterse, Mai Yang, Ray J. Lovell, Christoph Lucke, Andrew Lundgren, Christopher Lyng, Alison Mason, Beatriz Mate-Kodjo, Jay Mathes, Mitchell McFarland, Angela McNaughton, Vincent Mejia, Paul Michaels, Aaron Navarrow, Brett Newendorp, Danielle Newendorp, Brett Nikkel, Jason Nunnikhoven, Andrew Oakland, Cory Oliver, Kyle Oppenhuizen, DanOrange, Bruno Orticelli

• Lord of the Rings

The Lord of the Rings Concert was held April 24 at the Pella High School auditorium. This was no ordinary concert though because they played as a full orchestra. Meaning winds, brass and percussion all played as well. Usually in an orchestra concert they just have violins, violas, cellos and double basses only. So this was a big change for orchestra members. Another change was the audience size. At the Lord of the Rings concert there were tons of people, which was not common at their other performances.

This concert no one had a dominate part, so everyone played equal parts.

Sophomore **Elysia Purnell** said "I thought the concert went well but the other piece we did 'Brook Green Sweet' we could have done a little better."



"After being involved in orchestra for eight years, senior **Amy Kappel** felt she had a new mission as a senior. "I had to be more of a role model this year, and I had to show more leadership. One memory I will always have was when I was in the 11th grade, and **Mrs. Eekhoff** (director) took seniors **Jaci Van Ee**, **Elizabeth Garrard** and I to Ames for an orchestra event. We stayed in a hotel, and **Ms. Eekhoff** gave us makeovers," said **Kappel**.

Orchestra

JAZZ I. Lindsay Blair, Tiffany Pol, Katelyn DePenning, Michael VanDusseldorp, Isaac Holt, Billi Ellingson, Lindsay Graham, Sarah Gilpin, Emily Goodyk, Kellee VanHemert, Ryan Boswell, Chris Boeyink, Chris Wills, Nick DeRuiter, Ray J. Lovell, Jon Vermeer, Jeff Dole, Alison Corbett, Jasen Dahm, Josiah Carter, Danielle Jacobson.

AM JAZZ. YuPeng Jin, Paola Espinosa, Alexis Baugh, Joey Groenenboom, Nicole Verhey, Jeremy Hanson, Richard Spierenberg, Savannah Veenstra, Nathan Van Kampen, Takara Hrdlicka, Chris Childress, Christoph Lucke, Andy Versluys, Dustin DeHaan, Megan McCombs, Paul Michaels, Derek Groenendyk, Andrew Oakland, Brett Nikkel, Aaron Corbin, Bryce Steenhoek, Josh Bogaard, David Vos.

PM JAZZ. Meagan Dahlin, Alex Current, Ross Langel, Corey Oliver, Kyrsten Klein, Cole Guillien, Phil Davidson, Dan DeHaan, Tim Bogaards, Sierra Smith, Brett Newendorp, Andrew Lundgren, Joel Bouwers, Aaron Navarro, Dan Orange, Jon Tangen, Greg Ruiter, Isaac Roorda.

ORCHESTRA. Tiffany Alft, Alexis Baugh, Michael Comstock, Chelsey Dahm, Ashley DeWitt, Brianna Garrard, Cole Guillien, Michelle Holthaus, Takara Hrdlicka, Amy Kappel, Andrew Knight, Marc Kucinski, Joe Langenfeld (1st), Lyndsey Lanser, Alli Linn, Emmanuel Mate-Kodjo, Loni May, Adam Moore, Shelly Nunnikhoven, Sara Phillips, Elysia Purnell, Chris Rempe, Amy Ryerson, Kathleen Sadler, Michael Trotter, Tanna VanDenBerg, Laurel VanDusseldorp, Daron VanWyk, Savannah Veenstra, Amanda Wills, Candace Zwank.

Orchestra Members

HANDS-ON

Vocational classes offer chance for students to be the masterminds

•Lauren Birkel

HOME & AUTO MAINTENANCE

PSYCHOLOGY

AGRICULTURE

SCHOOL-TO-WORK

WELDING

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

FASHION DESIGN & MARKETING

LET'S GET CREATIVE

Bored?

We've got it covered. These classes took a different approach to learning. Students learned and had fun at the same time.

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Employers Provide Jobs

Senior **James Montgomery** has been involved in School-to-Work for two years, working for Menninga Electric. They also provided him with a summer job. **Montgomery** worked during the afternoon periods to receive credit and get paid. School-to-Work has a few ups and downs, according to **Montgomery**. "I don't get to see and talk to my friends as much, but I don't always get to work so I have some afternoons off," said **Montgomery**.

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Psychology Creates Masks

Students decorated the outside of paper maché masks with cut-out words from magazines and color, describing how they thought others saw them. On the inside, they used words and colors to show how they felt about themselves or the things that other people do not see. "Making the mask was cool because it gave us a chance to be creative and express our personalities using art and to reflect on our inner selves," said senior **Emily Filer**.

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Students Construct Models

In home and auto maintenance class, **Justin Caldwell**, junior, and **Ben Bollard**, senior, glue parts of their model shed together. They were given 12 days to complete the shed. It taught them the skills needed in the construction work force without using costly supplies. "The class allowed us to learn many skills in the course of a semester that could take many years. We learned skills like wiring, furniture refinishing, auto repair, and construction," said **Bollard**.

AG STRUCTURES

Pouring Concrete



Ag Structures students took on the role of construction workers after they had spent time in class learning about concrete, including how to set up forms for the concrete. Their knowledge was put to the test when they set up forms and poured concrete near the softball field. Although the muddy ground was not ideal for pouring concrete, students put on their work gear and headed out to the softball field with the cement truck.

"We poured it so the softball players could get to the field easier. I thought it was a difficult project because it was so muddy that the cement truck got stuck. Another hard thing was getting it formed before it hardened, but in the end, it turned out o.k.," said junior **Mike Van Dusseldorp**.

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Working On The Task

Junior **Jeremy Olsen** grabs a shovel to help out. "A few days after we dug a hole from the side of the cement to the side of the field, we put up the forms and poured cement," said **Olsen**.



Welding Heats Things Up

After learning many

different types of welds and how to use the machines from instructor **Mark Williams**, junior

Tyler VanderLinden, left, welds a grill for his fire pit. "I enjoyed doing it because I like to do things that are

hands-on. It's an interesting class, and I might need it in my future," said **VanderLinden**.

PSYCHOLOGY

Fear of Mice

About 25 years ago, instructor **Joyce Nelson** developed her fear of mice when a mouse went up her pant leg.

Senior **Tiffany Pol** brought a mouse to psychology class to help **Nelson** take her first steps in a behavior modification project in overcoming her fear of mice. **Nelson** agreed the first step to overcoming the fear would be to hold the mouse in front of almost 60 psychology students. While **Nelson** held the mouse, she mentally imagined that it was a rabbit, remembering that thoughts guide behavior.

"It's difficult to be a coward in front of my own students, and I was amazed how much courage I developed. I hope this carries over to other areas of my life," said **Nelson**.

The students had the chance to hold the mouse as well. Senior **Ashley Sample** found that handling the mouse was an unenjoyable experience.

"I was definitely afraid of the mouse. I'm not really sure why I can't handle mice, but maybe it was something about the red eyes or the fact it had the ugliest tail I've ever seen. I feel bad for it now; I guess I almost squeezed it to death. I still don't like mice," said **Sample**.



Model Behavior

Most people have clothes that don't fit perfectly. Junior **Stephanie Kindred** brought in clothes in order for fashion design instructor **Joyce Nelson** to show her the places where the clothes should be taken in. "I thought it was a useful experience so that we know the signs of a good fit. She (**Nelson**) explained the ways to tell if a certain area is too tight or loose. I can use this information on future purchases," said **Kindred**.



INDUSTRIAL TECH

SPEED RACER

CO₂ Cars Hit the Tracks



Sophomore **Kile Boetger** and senior **Aaron Bloodworth** put their CO₂ powered cars to the test on a race track. The cars were built of wood and painted their color choice. They also decided what kind of wheels would best fit their car. Mark Goodrich, exploring industrial technology instructor, allotted the students two weeks to complete the project. "I thought CO₂ car racing was a good time, and I got to stomp **Aaron Bloodworth** on the track," said **Boetger**.



•Catie Beck

•FFA •FHA •TSA•

TSA, FHA, FFA left a legacy of success through learning, socializing and competing.

Seniors: Chad de Vries, Lance De Vries, Vice President Joe Knight, Reporter Darren Kooistra, President Russ Hoksbergen, Treasurer Ashley Sample, Secretary Amber Seekamp, Adam Vande Voort, Dan Wichhart

Juniors: Nick Hartson, Sara Goodyk, Darrell Kooistra, John Shaw, Luke Sneller, Ashley Orr, Mike Van Dusseldorp, Katie Van Vark

Sophomores: Luke Borgman, Cody Butler, Jake Boertje, Austin Crase, Kyle Dursky, Derek Groenendyk, Cody Kirby, Rachel Shaw, Ryan Sims, Ron Steenhoek, Derick Steil, Alicia Thomas, Ashley VanDerHart, Ryan Van Roekel, Jordan Williams

Freshmen: Tyler Carlson, Jay Gehrt, Derek Long, Matt Sample, Jeff Seekamp, Blake Vander Molen, Zach Van Haaften

Advisor: Mark Williams

Awards:

Star Greenhand - Vander Molen
Star Chapter Farmer - Knight
Rising Star Southeast District - J. Williams
Proficiency Awards:
Beef: Shaw, Sims, Van Roekel
Ag Mechanics: Kirby
Wildlife Management: Boertje
Oil Crop: Steenhoek
Turf Management: Groenendyk
Diversified Livestock: J. Williams

FFA AWARDS. Scholarship Awards: Senior Amber Seekamp; junior Darrell Kooistra; sophomore Jordan Williams; freshman Blake Vander Molen.

Van Maanan Seed and Chemical Award: Senior Joe Knight.

FHA fundraises for "Riverdance"

Ice cream sundaes and a scavenger hunt provided the fun for the first FHA meeting of the year in September.

"It was fun to hang out with friends and look for the stuff," said sophomore **Heidi Wouterse**.

Magazine sales boosted the budget and helped the library and staff.

"I compared prices from FHA, and the company we were buying from. The prices were comparable, so I decided to support our local club," said media specialist **Clarence Bergmann**.

The money allowed club members to attend "Riverdance" at the Civic Center, Des Moines.

"'Riverdance' drew many members. We made sure enough magazines were sold so everyone could go," said President **Cassie Boertje**.

Other events included a cookie baking contest won by seniors **Sarah Vos** and **Boertje**, a make-over, and a movie and pizza party.

•FHA members senior **Sherri Laughlin**, sophomores **Kristen Wright** and **Jackie Van Veldhuizen** help make sundaes for the kick-off. "It was a good bonding experience in a relaxed setting," said senior **LaCosta Goos**.



FFA AWARDS cont. Top Fruit Sales: Sophomores Ashley VanDerHart, Derek Groenendyk, Austin Crase, Ron Steenhoek; juniors Sara Goodyk, Luke Sneller

Top Fruit Class Winners: Vander Molen; Williams; junior Katie Van Vark; senior Danny Wichhart.

Gold Subdistrict Winners: Crase, Luke Borgman, Ryan Van Roekel, Groenendyk, Ryan Sims, A. Seekamp, VanDer Hart, Jake Boertje, Steenhoek.

Silver Subdistrict Winners: Ashley Sample, Knight, Lance De Vries, Goodyk, Williams, Katie Van Vark, Vander Molen, Matt Sample, Jeff Seekamp, Cody Butler, Derick Steil, Tyler Carlson, Jay Gehrt.



•FFA members took a ski trip to Fun Valley in Montezuma. "Montezuma was great. I really enjoyed myself. The best part for me was watching the inexperienced skiers take some tumbles!" said sophomore **Cody Kirby**. Sophomore **Alicia Thomas** and senior **Ashley Sample**, above, lead the line at the lift.

Preparing for life after high school

"I enjoyed the time I spent with them. What they did can't be shown in awards; they showed the highest level of honesty and integrity. I have seen in a long time. They are great kids," said FFA Advisor **Mark Williams**.

FFA members kept busy with fruit sales, practicing for contests and many social outings.

"FFA prepared me for life outside of high school, especially my work and competition in the job interview category. Also, working as an officer gave me experience I wouldn't have gotten anywhere else," said junior **Katie Van Vark**.

Gold District: Crase, Borgman, Van Roekel, Groenendyk, Sims.

Silver District: A. Sample, A. Seekamp, VanDer Hart, Boertje, Steenhoek.

Bronze District: Knight, De Vries.

District Alternate: Goodyk, J. Williams, Van Vark.

State Alternate: Crase, Borgman, Van Roekel, Groenendyk, Sims, A. Sample

• FFA • FHA • TSA •



Junior **Kyle Eastwood** rides a four-wheeler during the trip TSA took to Colorado in the summer of 2002. "It was the best time of my entire life! The trout fishing was great, Blitz was the fastest horse on the block, and we went to the foam factory and had a two hour ping ball war," said **Eastwood**.

• FFA chooses Van Dusseldorp



Senior **Abby Van Dusseldorp** was named FFA Sweetheart at the FFA banquet in February. **Van Dusseldorp's** attendants were senior **Amber Seekamp**, senior **Amanda Chapman** and junior **Sara Goodyk**.

"I was really honored, and I hope to represent the club well," said **Van Dusseldorp**.

ate FFA: Steenhoek, oil crop production, bronze; Groenendyk, turf management, silver; Williams, top second year student; Seekamp, academic achievement award. Superior Chapter Award.

TSA Awards. Iowa Industrial Technology Expo:
Brandon Beurklander, woodworking, II rating
Caleb Seelye, woodworking, II rating
AJ Nunnikhoven, woodworking, II rating
Russ Hoksbergen, beginning metals, I rating
Zach Van Haften, beginning metals, I rating, 3rd place overall in beginning metals

• TSA reaps rewards

Positive attitudes, hard work, and extra hours invested, launched TSA's season of competition. Club members competed in small groups or solo in various areas from problem solving, bridge building, radio-controlled transportation, structural engineering, or quiz bowl.

"This was the best we have ever done! It was the first time we have finished this well in competitions," said Sponsor **Mark Goodrich**.

It was no surprise to junior **Dustin Browne** that events came out so positively.

"Compared to last year, we worked really hard. It was fun to work with them. It was even better since we won more than we ever have before," said **Browne**.

TSA's state competition was April 16-17 in Des Moines.

"Each person competed in three events. We didn't do well considering some of our things broke, but we still had a lot of fun just being with our friends," said junior **Bryan Janssen**.



•TSA Advisor **Mark Goodrich** helps freshman **Jeff Seekamp**, junior **Tim Newendorp** and freshman **A.J. Nunnikhoven** at the cook out at Lake Red Rock. "Mr. Goodrich was always there for us. If we ever needed anything, he would get it for us," said **Seekamp**.

TSA. President **Ryan Boswell**, Vice President **Bryan Janssen**, Secretary **Kyle Eastwood**, Treasurer **Seamus Turnbull**, Sgt.-at-Arms **Chris Corbin**, **Dustin Browne**, **Jeff Seekamp**, **Izaak Holt**, **A.J. Nunnikhoven**, **Andrew Doyle**, **Jeremy Hanson**, **Brian Melhus**, **Wyatt Goodrich**, **Taylor Brummel**, **Mike Noteboom**, **Sam Reicks**. Sponsor **Mark Goodrich**.

Results

Winterset: **Dustin Browne** and **Seamus Turnbull**, Problem Solving, first

Perry: **Browne**, **Turnbull**, Problem Solving, first
Sam Reicks and **Izaak Holt**, Problem Solving, second

Browne, **Turnbull**, **Reicks**, **Holt**, Certificate of Achievement

Johnston: first Overall

Kyle Eastwood, **Brian Melhus**, **Turnbull**, Quiz Bowl, second
Radio Controlled Transportation Team Race, third

Central Decatur: **A.J. Nunnikhoven**, **Holt**, **Bryan Janssen**, Quiz Bowl, first
Janssen, Structural Engineering, third
Radio Controlled Transportation, third
State: **Janssen**, **Nunnikhoven**, **Reicks**, Quiz Bowl, third

FHA. President **Cassie Boertje**, **Jessica Boertje**, **Vanessa Boot**, **Kristen Burghorn**, **Amanda Chapman**, **Amy Cline**, **Kara Fillmore**, **Charli Fontana**, **Jill Garvey**, **LaCosta Goos**, **Kay Hausteine**, **Ashley Heisdorffer**, **Trevor Hoeksema**, **Jessica Jones**, **Holly King**, **Sherri Laughlin**, **Lauretta MacCready**.

Lindsay McFarland, **Michelle Mitchell**, **Lacey Pender**, **Nancy Phiv**, **Sonya Ravestein**, **April Rus**, **Erin Sokol**, **Heidi Steenhoek**, **Michelle Steenhoek**, **Jennifer Torres**, **Steve Vander Linden**, **Narissa Vander Weide**, **Natasha Vander Weide**, **Jaci Van Ee**, **Jackie Van Veldhuizen**, **Brittany Vande Voort**, **Abbey Van Dusseldorp**, **Samantha Van Haften**, **Kelli Van Wyk**, **Bobbi Van Zante**, **Blair Verhoef**, **Brandi Vink**, **Sarah Vos**, **Megan Weiler**, **Anna Whatling**, **Karen Williams**, **Heidi Wouterse**. Advisor **Joyce Nelson**

GO FIGURE

Math, science classes give students opportunities to make, record observations

•Catie Beck

CALCULUS
ALGEBRA

ANATOMY
BIOLOGY

MATH I, II, III
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

CHEMISTRY

NASA, IPTV ASK FOR PELLA AID

Science gets special recognition from state television station and NASA for outstanding experimental abilities

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EXPLORE MORE

Science instructors **Carrie Oppenhuizen**, **Cathy Hones** and **Jeff Siewert** teamed up to take part in a mass brainstorm for IPTV as one of 11 groups of Iowan teachers. Their job was to create innovative ways to incorporate IPTV's current events videos, "Explore More," in different class rooms. "Mr. Siewert and I were looking at the future of energy. Specifically, I was looking at the alternative fuels," said **Oppenhuizen**.

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VOLCANO EXPLOSION

Chemistry students experienced a chemical 'volcano-like' explosion when chemistry instructor **Les Carter** mixed ammonia and orange crystal. The ingredients caused a pile of ashes. "The explosions made class exciting," said junior **Izaak Holt**. The class witnessed several other explosions. Once they put liquid nitrogen in a plastic bottle and watched as the gasses caused it to blow apart. On a separate occasion, they lit a hydrogen balloon on fire.

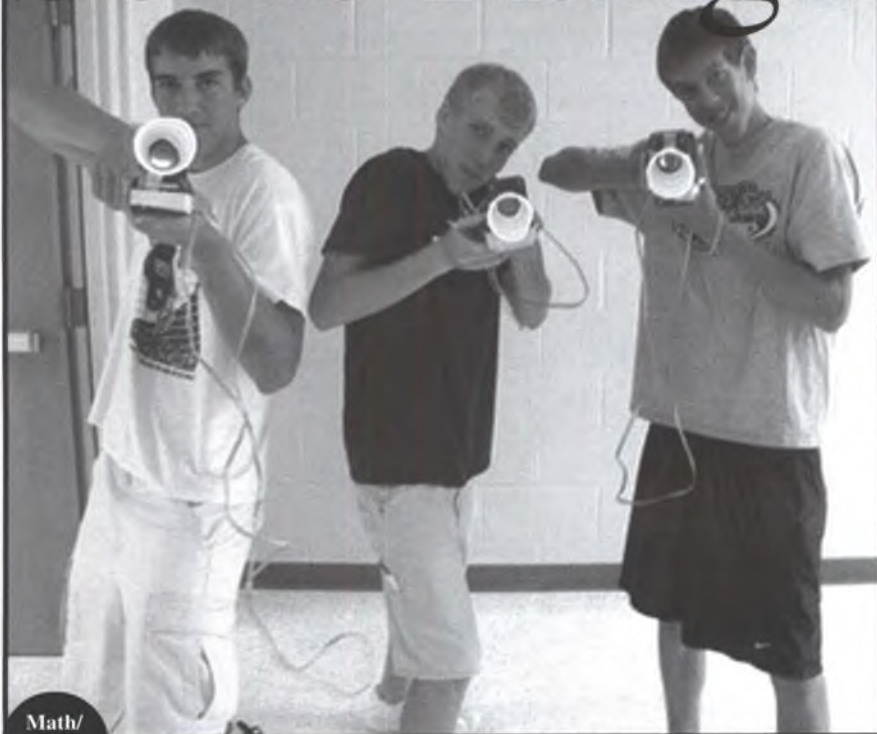
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GOING GLOBAL

NASA recognized Biology Honors Students' skill in Global Learning and Observation to Benefit the Environment. They classified and divided plants into families. To test their knowledge, they went to Lake Red Rock to categorize plants and take pictures. They sent the work to NASA for evaluation. "It was extremely fun to run around in the weeds and the woods," said sophomore **Ryan Bettgen**. Sophomore **Nathan De Zwart** pictured right, walks along at Lake Red Rock.

SCIENCE MANIA

Sonic Rangers



Trying different experiments to find the speed of sound and how it is affected by distance was a part of AP Physics. They used ultrasonic wave guns attached to graphing calculators to collect the data.

"The whole purpose of the class was to have fun and get college credit. My motto was: 'If Carter isn't having fun, nobody is having fun,'" said Instructor **Les Carter**.

The art of dart blowing was also attempted by the AP students to find the effect of the length of the launcher on the actual speed of the dart. Armed with a cardboard tube and a dart crafted of paper wrapped around a nail, students found the longer the tube, the faster the dart. Senior **Jeff Steenhoek**'s dart and tube took first place when it was clocked at 77 m.p.h.

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Radar Patrol

AP Physics students found distance with sound waves and ultrasonic wave guns. "Class was a lot of fun, and it was always a good time!" said senior **Jeff Steenhoek**, left, with seniors **Jeff Dole** and **Ryan TerLouw**.



Let's Talk Tractors

Around 13 years ago, Tractor Day began. Students learned the types of tractors, what each was used for and the ins and outs of how they worked.

"Tractor Day started when the kids became interested in my tractor calendar. I decided to just have fun with it," said Math Instructor **Jon Nibbelink**.

MATH II & III

Math Madness

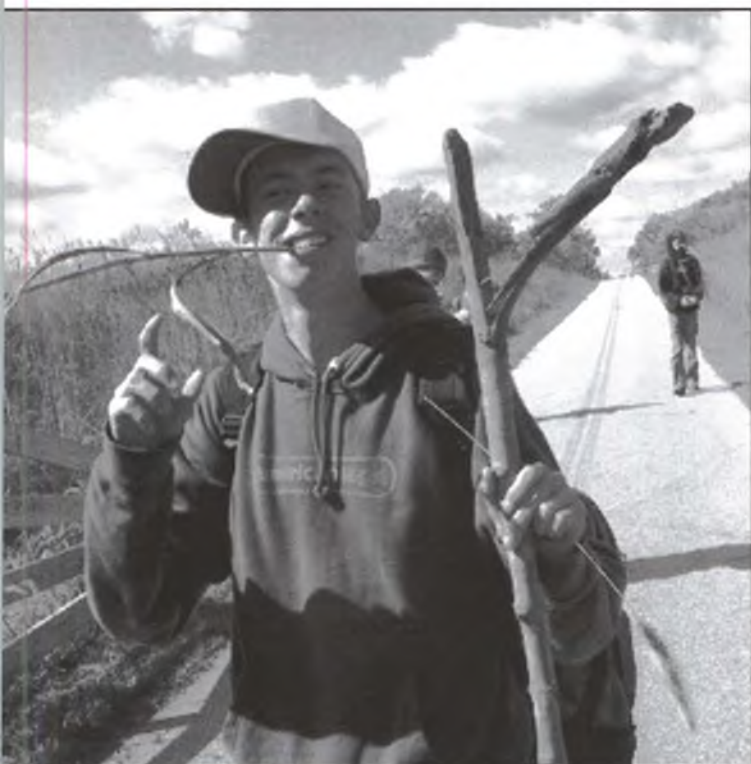
The plunger and the toilet seat: not exactly the items usually found in a math room. The bathroom accessories were the newest teaching items added to math instructor **Wade Van Vark's** room.

"I was trying to find a method to stop kids from using the bathroom during my class and use it between classes. I got my idea from **Mr. Ross**. He has a pencil with a big piece of wood tied to it to give to kids when they need to borrow a pencil," said **Van Vark**.

According to **Van Vark**, the items have worked to stop some students from using the restroom; girls were the most turned off by the bulky bathroom items. However, some girls continued to use the facilities, such as freshman **Anne Pitkin**.

"It didn't really affect my decision to use the bathroom or not. I didn't find it embarrassing enough to stop me. It was a little awkward having people stare at you while you were walking down the hall, and taking it into the stall could be difficult. Most of us just found it to be really funny," said **Pitkin**.

Freshman **Phil Davidson**, pictured above, takes the plunger pass to the restroom.



Roller Races

The AP Physics class was busy trying different experiments to find velocity. Roller races were the final answer. In the exercise, the students had to sit on a Roller Racer (a type of scooter which moved when the handle bar was wiggled from side to side) and race around one of the lab tables. "It was a really entertaining experience. I found out the steadier the scooter, the faster you went," said senior **Stuart Steenhoek**.



DROPPIN' EGGS

Students go to great heights

Nine students joined the Six Meter High Club. They built a shock-absorbing protector for a raw egg with five pieces of paper and tape, and then dropped it from series of heights, max of six meters, without the egg cracking.

"I forgot about the project. So, I made it in business. It was a winner like me!" said junior **Casey Flanagan**. **Flanagan** and junior **Luke Guillien** were top in their class and two of the new members. Other new members were juniors **Mike Edwards**, **Trent Sikkema**, **Andy Oldridge**, **Tyler Freeman**, **Jeremy Olson**, **Sarah Van Wyk**, and **Hannah Smith**.

INTERACTING

PE, health, peer helper allow students to work and act with each other

•Sara Steenhoek

PEER HELPER

HEALTH I

HEALTH II

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PERSONAL FITNESS

WORKING WITH PEOPLE

Want to help?
Here's a solution.
Peer helper gives seniors the chance to work with both young and old citizens of the community.

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Postma Helps Elderly

Senior **Ashley Postma** spent her Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in the hospital nursing home working for **Chris Thomas**. She played UNO with a young man in Inn Care and talked to the ladies. She also played games and socialized with the elderly while serving coffeetime. "Peer Helper was a great learning experience. I met some great people and am glad I took the time and effort," said **Postma**.

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Filer Gets Creative

Mary Ann Sterling's art classes at Jefferson were helped by senior **Emily Filer** every Tuesday and Thursday. **Filer** helped **Sterling** with her work outside of class. Additionally, she walked around and helped the kids with their drawings and performed any other needed tasks. "My peer helper experience at Jefferson was very fulfilling. I liked seeing the pieces of art the kids created every day," said **Filer**.

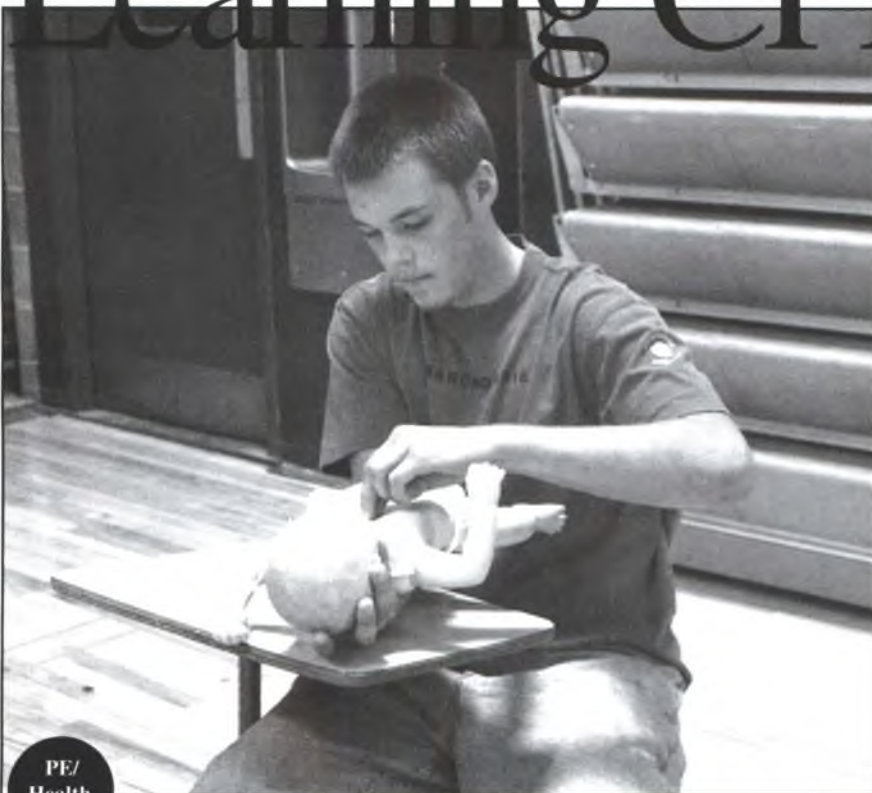
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Mulder Gives Time

Every Tuesday and Friday during eighth period, senior **Nick Mulder** went to Jefferson Elementary to help with **Jen Phillips'** fifth grade class. He supervised intramural activities at the end of the day, read with the kids, helped them with the homework and read spelling tests. "It was really interesting to watch them interact with each other; brought back some great memories of my elementary days," said **Mulder**, right.

HEALTH II

Learning CPR



Health students worked for two weeks to learn the basics for CPR and first aid. Instructor **Deb Clark** introduced the Health II students to CPR in 1982. The students learned the program called Heartsaver through the American Heart Association. EMT's came in and helped the students learn the techniques and improve their abilities. In this unit, students learned how to perform CPR on adults, children and infants. For first aid they learned how to care for bleeding, shock and burns. The training prepared them for real life situations. Students also had the option of becoming certified in CPR.

"CPR was a fun and entertaining experience. I learned a lot about helping others, and I had a good time doing it," said junior **Matt Terlouw**.

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Saving a Life

Junior **Chris Vos** performs the techniques of CPR on an "Annie" doll. "Learning CPR was fun. It was a whole new experience for me. Tasting and smelling the rubbing alcohol after using the Annie was the worst part," said **Vos**.



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**Seniors Hit
 the Slopes**
 Members of the se-

nior class traveled to Fun Valley in Montezuma Feb. 6. They snowboarded, skied and tubed.

Spending a whole day on the slopes, **Megan Weiler** and **Katelyn DePenning** injured themselves. **Vance**

Schuring, **Pierce Hibma**, **Luke Ballenger**, and **Billy Fox**, left, begin to tube.

PERSONAL FITNESS

Working Out



The chance to work on weight lifting, aerobic exercise, and flexibility was what personal fitness class was all about. The program met every day for one semester in place of P.E. Students worked on the areas of weight lifting, flexibility, and aerobic activity. The

main point of the course was to allow the students to get in shape and at the same time be independent. Students learned how to eat properly and take care of their bodies.

"Personal fitness was fun. It was a good workout and enjoyable to be able to work with my friends like **Jenny Veenstra**!" said junior **Emily Goodyk**, above.

Students had the option to take personal fitness every day for one semester and were able to continue into the next semester. They could ride a bike, jog, play basketball, lift weights, jump rope and many other aerobic activities.

"The future of physical education is in the area of personal fitness, and we will continue to move our equipment and facilities in that direction. Our next focus will be to include the middle school," said instructor **Margene Van Horn**.



□□□ **Health I Sees Reality**

Health students felt the effects of being inebriated when they had the chance to wear impaired vision goggles. The goggles were supplied by the police department. Freshman **Brenna Boat**, left, attempts to walk a straight line across the room as she was guided by Officer **David Beukleman**. "It was a good experience, and I couldn't do it because it made me fall over. No matter how hard you tried, you couldn't find the line," said **Boat**.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION **KNOCK 'EM DOWN** *Students Aim for the Pins*

Physical education students spent five weeks improving both their aim and math skills with the bowling unit. The students left school and were bussed to Excite-a-Bowl for their class, bowling one game each trip. The math skills were utilized as students learned to score themselves. "Bowling is a lot of fun because we don't have to dress out, and it is a great past time. It's a nice time with good food and friends," said sophomore **Bruno Orticelli**.

Mugs

shy energetic outgoing wild bold
mischievous faithful
playful motivated fanny
successful stylish spontaneous

by definition



Active

Physical education, intramurals and extracurricular activities offered students the chance to be involved in sports. In physical education, each class had a character to play a variety of games, though the activities varied from class-to-class. For sophomores, activities ranged from dancing to bombardment to sand volleyball while the upperclassmen had the chance to golf or take personal fitness. For some it was a competition; others just did what they could to get by and still have fun. "P.E. could be enjoyed; it was a lot of fun when we went against the opposition, except for the fact that we lost all of the time," said sophomore **Jenny Torrey**.

competitive

Team Support

No matter what sport it was, there were always fans supporting the athletes. Many cheered on the teams by dressing up and wearing out-of-the-ordinary clothes. A group of senior boys wore basketball jerseys while the girls dressed up in green-and-white to show their enthusiasm and support for the basketball teams.

"The fans gave the team that extra boost of adrenaline at the end of a game. I liked to think we played an important part in the team's success," said senior **Chris Shrout**.



dedication

Partnership

Working together for freshmen **Anna Rietveld** and **James Rozenboom** meant getting things done faster. Working with multiple people meant hearing everyone's opinion.

"You get a lot more ideas when working with a group instead of just one," said **Rietveld**.

"Working with partners was more fun than working alone because you could talk to each other. Also, when you worked with partners, you actually wanted to do your homework," said **Rozenboom**.



unity



Daring

Some students were risk takers while others enjoyed just sitting back and watching. Skating was a sport enjoyed by some, but it involved several risks, including falling. Many of the risks could result in injury. For junior **Don Trotter**, this was an issue. "I was afraid of getting injured. You don't want to do anything stupid. Skating was just fun because it gave me something to do when I was bored," said **Trotter**.

the ENDLESS chase

Future decisions are hard to grasp

For seniors, making the right decision became more vital as the days of high school came to an end. Deciding on the right college was the biggest (and for some, the most stressful) decision seniors made. Students visited a variety of campuses, crucial in trying to find the school that best suited them.

"As a junior, when I started getting at least two college brochures or letters a day, I thought I'd never be able to narrow it down," remembers senior **Tremaine Versteeg**.

"The application process wasn't as painful as it sounds as long as you don't wait the day before the deadline to fill it all out. Get it

done early and take it seriously, but at the same time, not get stressed," said **Versteeg**.

"Don't worry about getting out of Iowa right away ... and don't get your hopes up for one college. I've seen friends get crushed by letters of rejection," advised **William Van Weelden**.

While others were stressing over what college to attend, some seniors had to worry about going to work immediately following graduation. Their worries of starting their own careers came much earlier than those planning to attend college.

Whether it was applying for colleges or a full time job, seniors had an overload to think about for their futures.



●**THE SEARCH.** Senior **Kendra Bouwers** waits as **Donald Darland**, an Indian Hill Community College representative, gives her some additional information about the school. **Darland** visited Jan. 29.

In your high school years, how have you changed?

"jocose"

"Obviously I'm older and wiser. I also have come to realize that sometimes you need to do things to make yourself happy, not just to try to please others."

Lauren Anderson



"wild"

"I grew up and realized what I have to do to be successful. I learned you do need to care."

Dolly Adam



"wise"

"The most obvious one is my physical size. I used to look at the floor, but now I look over people's heads. My group of friends grew about three-fold. I am very glad that I now have these additional people as friends."

Mike Alft



"querky"

"Overall, the most that's changed is my self-motivation. I try harder in classes."

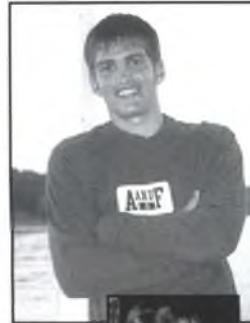
Alan Austin



"shocker"

"I've grown to my enormous height of six feet tall and developed massive muscles."

Luke Ballenger



“hardworking”

“I have changed because I have learned the true responsibilities of high school.”

Cody Beaver



“capricious”

“I’ve become more outgoing and willing to try new things.”

Catie Beck



“high-strung”

“My freshman year I was very shy and afraid of being outgoing. The more I got to see of high school, I learned not to care what other people think of me. I am no longer scared to be myself.”

Tera Behning



“splendid”

“I’ve become more outgoing.”

Adrian Bell



“resilient”

“I have become more independent. I have learned to rely on my faith more. I have learned lots and have grown up.”

Jessica Beranek



“strong-willed”

“I think I’ve learned a lot about myself and who I am. Doing that has helped me better understand and accept others for who they are.”

Nicole Beyer



“clean”

“I’ve learned not to take things for granted. My four years in football I may have taken for granted. Now that it’s over, I wonder if I did everything to the fullest. Now I don’t take things for granted.”

Aaron Bloodsworth



“lazy”

“I’ve stopped partying as much.”

Cody Boat



“easy-going”

“I’m more self-confident. I’ve become more outgoing. I’m a much happier person overall. I’ve become more social.”

Cassie Boertje



“peculiar”

“Just this last year I have become more outgoing and have started to do more with my friends.”

Jessica Boertje



“rousish”

“I have become much better-looking and much smarter as well.”

Chris Boeyink



“caring”

“I feel like I have grown up. I look at things in a whole different aspect now than I did when I was a freshman. School didn’t seem too serious to me, but with time, I learned how to prioritize my life.”

Gina Boles



making COLLEGE your future

Campus visits aid decision-making

One of the biggest decisions seniors had to make during the year involved their futures and where they would be attending college.

It was hard for some to choose the "right" college until they actually visited it. That meant scheduling college visits.

"I decided to go to Central College. Although it wasn't my first choice, I went and visited it and decided that since it's here in Pella, it would be a lot more convenient," said senior **Nicole Beyer**.

For one senior, **Jon Carter**, the college visit helped him decide that the college wasn't right for him.

"I visited an honor programs at

Southwest Missouri State University. ... it had a lot to offer me and my learning style. The college seemed way too big for me. An incoming class of 7,000 people was way too big," said **Carter**.

Some students decided to attend college out of state. This meant a longer travel to visit the college.

"I planned to move to Southern California for college. I had to make the trip out there to visit it so I could make the final decision," said senior **Sonya Ravenstein**.

Counselor **Mike Ballenger** said college visits are important.

"That's probably the most accurate way for a senior to decide where they want to go to school," said **Ballenger**.



●**MAKING DECISIONS.** Senior **Nicole Beyer** talks with a Central College library employee during a visit to the Pella campus. **Beyer** plans to attend the school with hopes of becoming an elementary teacher.

Who has been your biggest influence?

"impetuous"

"Coach Roger De Waard. He has helped me become a better athlete, student and human being. He has been especially helpful in my decision to continue interscholastic sports.

Ben Bollard



"spunk"

"There are always going to be some people that leave imprints on you. This year, I have come to find that those people are the only ones that truly matter."

Vanessa Boot



"Rosey"

"Emily Harris and Anna Whatling. They have become very close to me. They have both helped me in making an impact on the tough spot I found myself in the past year."

Kendra Bouwers



"goofy"

"Bill Cosby because I've learned a lot from watching his TV sitcom, and I think he's an all-around cool guy."

President Ashley Braun



"interesting"

"Claudette Mortimer. She's been there for me."

Brandon Breuklander



supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

"My older sister because of what's she's accomplished in college."

Andrea Brobst



"optimistic"

"The biggest influence would have to be God. Without Him my life would be in shambles. He has kept me in check with all this planning for the future."

Aleisha Brummel



"short"

"My biggest influence would have to be a toss-up between my mom and my friends. My mother taught me to be myself and to do my best. My friends have taught me to laugh as much as possible."

Annie Carlson



"altruistic"

"The person who has influenced my life was Ayn Rand. She taught me that reason and objectivism are life's greatest assets."

Rep. Jon Carter



"unpredictable"

"My biggest influence throughout the years would have to be my mom, Terri. She has always been there to push me through the good and bad times. She really helped me become what I am today."

Amanda Chapman



"verbose"

"My mother has been the biggest influence this year; she keeps me working when I'm lazy."

Adam Chenoweth



"vixen"

"My mother. She supports me."

Amy Cline



"shocker"

"My parents. I found out this year more than ever that they love me! They always put up with all my senior stuff. Love You Guys!"

Tyler Cowman



"far-out"

"Myself. I look back and see how far I've come and finally can say, 'Free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty, I'm free at last.'"

Tyler Criss



"madcap"

"My friends. They have made my senior year a memorable one."

Paul Davidson



"friendly"

"My sisters have been the biggest influence because they were always there to help me through rough times, and they encouraged me to be the best."

Jocelyn Davis



"Italian"

"Michael Corleone because he saved the Corleone family, orchestrated the hits of the five families and became the Godfather, all in one movie."

Daniel De Haan



coming TOGETHER at last

Seniors unite for the final year

Many considered their senior year to be the best of their high school careers.

For many years, seniors united in different ways. Many bonded knowing they wouldn't see some of their classmates for a long time. Others realized they wanted to know classmates outside of their group of friends better. Many formed new relationships out of their 'group' by hanging out with other classmates during and out of school.

"I believe that unlike the last couple of years, our senior class came together in a good sense, and that we had more respect for the administration and each other," said senior **Jeff Steenhoek**.

Not all seniors thought their class blended well. Some thought that individuals made many accomplishments, but not so much as a class.

"Our class didn't really unite. Nothing changed about our class, but we got along well," said senior **Heidi Steenhoek**.

Many said they have had great memories and great fun throughout high school.

"My most memorable moment was sophomore year during homecoming for Green and White Day. Seniors **Lech Harris, Emmanuel Mate-Kodjo, Sam McCurry** and I wore the old show choir dresses, which were green with sequins all over them," said senior **Adrian Bell**.



●Seniors **Adrian Bell, Vanessa Boot, Heidi Steenhoek** and **Sherri Laughlin** pose at senior **Michael Trotter's** house with signs **Trotter** made to protest the seniors losing the Homecoming spirit shoe. **Trotter** displayed the signs at his home across from the high school for two weeks following Homecoming.

●Seniors **Ashley Braun** and **Kristin Sytsma** joke around in the hallway before their fifth hour class. "I think the seniors united the most during homecoming, but when we didn't even win the spirit shoe everyone kind of let back. I do think that everyone realized that this was our last year together and everyone became better friends," said **Sytsma**.



*How do you
feel the seniors
have united
this year?*

"hungry"

"We can walk down the hall and say 'hi' to the same people we've said 'hi' to for the past 13 years."

Thomas De Koning



"altruistic"

"Our class has really come together with skits, homecoming activities and more. We've shown some class by not supporting just the other seniors but the entire school."

Katelyn DePenning



"unpredictable"

"I don't feel as though our class has united much this year, but as individuals we have made many great accomplishments and memories. As a class, we can all take pride in what we have done."

Nick De Ruiter



"outdoorsman"

"Have as much fun in your high school years as you can, but don't get caught."

Lance De Vries



"spunky"

"I don't feel that we have united as much as the past classes, but we have come together realizing that after this year we won't see each other either for awhile or never again."

Chad de Vries



“different”

“It’s really noticeable, mostly at games and such to be loud after the loud seniors of last year. We’ve really shown support for activities of lesser importance. That’s a good thing to have.”



Jim Dingeman

“dedicated”

“The seniors have begun to treat each other more as friends than just people in our class. The walls of the ‘cliques’ that have been forming since kindergarten are being torn down by a simple smile in the hallways.”



Jessica Dingeman

“antidisestablishmentarianistic”

“I really felt united with my classmates when they taped me to the flag pole and laughed at me for hours. Nothing can describe the feeling.”



Jeff Dole

“funny”

“I think we united through football as everyone was behind us all the way, and we felt their support.”



Chris Durham

“enthusiastic”

“I feel we have united as a class through smaller, individual groups. I think we’ve had many great memories.”



Dustin Eick

“amiable”

“Compared to previous years, the senior class has done a lot better. There were no conflicts between students. Everyone does what they want to and avoids confrontations.”



Billi Ellingson

“unpredictable”

“I think we really started to unite after working the junior-senior prom. We all came together to help decorate, and we became very close.”



Kara Elsloo

“shocker”

“The time we all spend hanging out at each others’ houses.”



Scott Ewell

“bubbly”

“Our class has many different groups of people, and we don’t really unite by hanging out outside of school. However, in school, we get along pretty well and support each other through our activities.”



Emily Filer

“caring”

“No comment”

Chelsea Flanagan



“fun”

“I feel the senior class has united by straying away from their normal cliques and hanging out with people they normally wouldn’t. As a class we’ve become more friendly.”



Charli Fontana

“shocker”

“Seniors came together in all athletics, realizing that this was our last time around.”



Billy Fox

the changing face of SENIOR pics

Grads experiment with new ideas

The class of 2003 took the idea of senior pictures and created something all their own.

Senior **Michael Trotter**'s colorful character showed through his football picture.

"I wanted one picture that people would remember me by. Everybody loves the football picture because I never played football," said **Trotter**.

For senior **Tremaine Versteeg**, having her pictures taken by her father was a bonding experience.

"The best part was our first roll we took. We didn't know what we were doing, so it was funny seeing them!" laughed **Versteeg**.

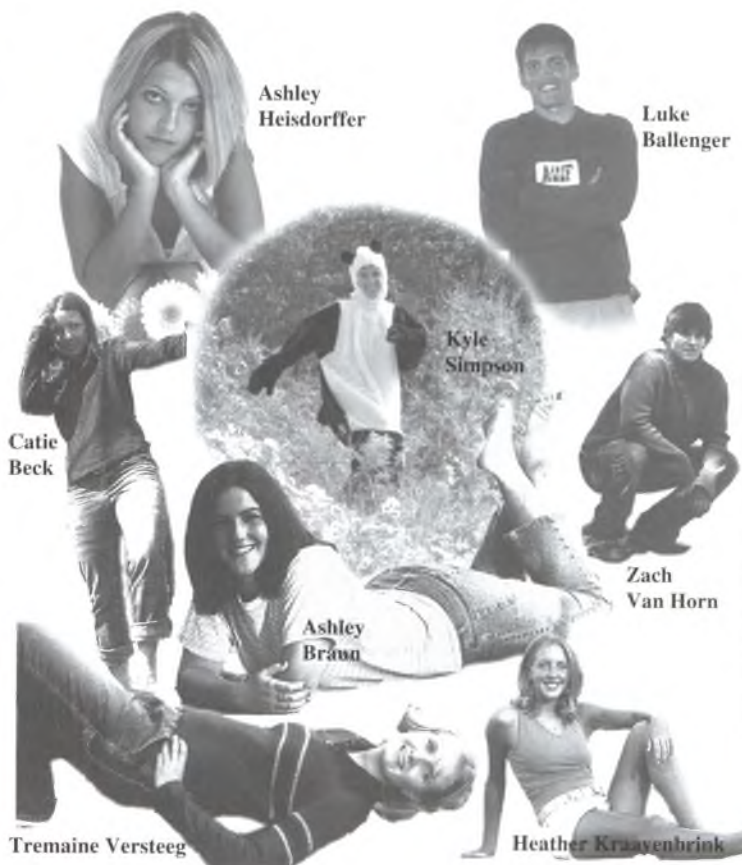
Three seniors, **Kate Sloan**, **Heather Lukens** and **Aleisha**

Brummel, had a personal attendant - senior **Kendra Bouwers**. **Bouwers** did their hair and make-up and made sure everything was ready.

"Having Kendra Bouwers with me was such a blessing. She made sure I looked my best for every picture, and she made me smile!" said **Sloan**.

Perhaps the most unique was senior **Kyle Simpson**. He went extreme when he had pictures taken in a panda suit.

"I felt a little awkward walking into the studio! I wasn't sure if the people had a sense of humor or not. But as soon as they saw the panda suit, they started laughing," said **Simpson**.



●IMAGINATION. Senior pictures took on a unique twist. For some, senior pictures were a serious matter involving much time and preparation; for others, it was anything but serious.

What was your most embarrassing moment?

"undescrivable"

"My freshman year, my senior friends decided to put me in a trash can and roll me down some stairs, and let me lay there alone to suffer."

Jaimie Fuller



"spontaneous"

"My freshman year I fell down the lobby stairs on my way to lunch, and everything fell out of my hands."

Elizabeth Garrard



"neigh"

"Every single time I sneeze. I have monstrous sneezes, and each time I sneeze, everything around me comes to a grinding halt and I'm assaulted from all sides by 'Bless You'!"

Jill Garvey



"talkative"

"My freshman year, our assistant tennis coach was feeding us volleys. She hit one straight at my face, and I didn't react fast enough. It hit me in the nose, and I had to sit out for the rest of practice."

Sarah Gilpin



"esoteric"

"Once I had a crush on a football player. The team was eating in the lobby, so I tried to show off when I went by. I fell, and the guy I was trying to impress laughed so hard he fell off his chair."

LaCosta Goos



“incognitional”

“I walked into history a period early, sat down and waited for the teacher to start. The bell rang, and the teacher finally asked me if I should be somewhere else. I looked around and realized that none of the people near me were in my class.”



Josh Haman

“blonde”

“On Valentine’s Day of my junior year, I thought I would try to look cute and wear boots that had really high heels. It worked for a while until I fell down the stairs, right in front of my boyfriend Zach.”



Kay Haustein

“out going”

“When I walked out of my class, I ran right into the door. Several people started laughing and asked me how I was doing for the rest of the day.”



Ashley Heisdorffer

“multifarious”

“ Junior year, I was in “5 Minute Hamlet.” I had to drink a glass full of ‘poison’ which was really water before I fell dead. I couldn’t drink it all, and water poured all over the front of my dress.”



Leta Hanson

“happy”

“... when the butt of my pants ripped out when I was a freshman.”



Sara Hedrick

“jerk”

“Our government traffics destructive, illegal drugs to poor, minority communities in order to fund assassinations and coups in sovereign nations that don’t support our aims for globalization.”



Lech Harris

“tellurian”

“I was walking over to the bathrooms by the library, and I went into the guys bathroom instead of the women’s.”



Alicia Heersink

“narcissistic”

“When we lost to Knoxville on homecoming for the first time in 18 years.”



D.J. Henle

“laid-back”

“At a volleyball game, Lance Roorda motioned for me to come over. He stood up and put his hands up like he wanted a high five. As I put up my hands, he quickly pulled down my pants.”



Pierce Hibma

“enthusiastic”

“During golf practice, I fell in a puddle and got all muddy and wet.”



Sharilyne Hoekstra

“handyman”

“I tripped over the hurdle at the first home track meet.”



Russell Hoksbergen

“I was at the bank with a \$50 check to cash. I turned to the person next to me and said, ‘They really need to invent a \$50 bill.’”



Mary Hiemstra

the FINAL memories

Seniors experience the effects of endings

Senior year was filled with a variety of emotions, many of them coming from the realization that many activities and involvements were coming to an end. From the last Homecoming to the abrupt ending of an athletic season, seniors felt the effects of the "lasts".

Senior **Tera Behning** was a varsity cross country team member for four years.

"I will really miss spending time with the team and sharing stories with each other," said **Behning**.

Many seniors saw the "last" of a particular event as an end to a chapter in life.

"The hardest part of my senior year was my last soccer game. Its

ending signified that sports and high school were finally over," said senior **Chris Shrout**.

Other seniors found emotion in the fact that day-to-day activities came to a close. Senior **LaCosta Goos** believed that her hardest "last" was her last lunch eaten with her friends.

"We've shared a lot of laughs, debates and dares throughout our years. I will miss all of it!" said **Goos**.

Many seniors then looked toward the future.

"The summer before college I want to have fun with my friends and enjoy every moment we have left together," said senior **Chris Boeyink**.



●BITTER-SWEET ENDING. Seniors **Luke Ballenger**, **Billy Fox** and **Vance Schurir** console each other after the 15-14 quarter final loss to Atlantic. "Losing like we did was tough. We realized it was our last time playing football together, and we made a lot of memories," said **Fox**.

What would you change about high school?

"ravel"

"I would have taken that homecoming crown for myself! Who, then, would be your king?"

Dan Hunt



"childish"

"I would have been a Superhero, and **Ashley Braun** would be my sidekick, and we would have ridden around on a motorcycle with a basket on the side!"

Elizabeth Jones



"fun"

"I wouldn't procrastinate as much. I would get my homework done as quickly as possible."

Jessica Jones



"outgoing"

"I was so excited to get out of high school and into the real world that I sometimes forgot to slow down and appreciate each day. I would get more out of my time because it went by so fast."

Kayla Kafka



"spontaneous"

"I would respect time more and take life day-by-day, instead of year-by-year."

Amy Kappel



“perfectionist”

“I would let more people see the real me instead of hiding within myself. I’m leaving feeling that no one really knows me. If I could change anything, I would show them who I really am.”



Morgan Kelly

“easy-going”

“I wouldn’t have slacked off so much freshman and sophomore years. If I had only known it was going to go by this fast, I would have tried to have a little more fun!”



Andrew Kinne

“lazy”

“I’d take more classes my first three years so that I could graduate early.”



Oakley Klein

“goal-oriented”

“I would have worked harder my freshman year.”



Katie Kniff

“meaty”

“I’d be more careful in my studies, do more homework and take more classes as an underclassmen to build a better work habit and GPA. Then I would have been able to take more college classes.”



Joe Knight

“industrious”

“I probably would have taken better advantage of activities, such as athletics.”



Darren Kooistra

“competitive”

“We wouldn’t have lost to Atlantic in the semis (football play-offs).”



Klayton Korver

“creative”

“I would worry less about the little things and get to know different people. I’d also enjoy special moments more like going to state in volleyball and basketball.”



Lindsay Korver

“spirited”

“I wouldn’t have taken so many blessings and moments for granted. I would have cared less about opinions and focused more on true relationships.”



Heather Kraayenbrink

“studious”

“If I could do one thing over, I would have studied more.”



Micah Kraayenbrink

“spontaneous”

“I would have participated more in school activities such as going to games and being more involved with homecoming activities.”



Sharla Kramer

“sly”

“I would have told the coaches to kick a field goal in the fourth quarter against Atlantic.”



Marc Kucinski

leaving FAMILY behind

*Students say their goodbyes to school,
hellos to the real world*

Saying good-bye to family is one of the hardest things to do before leaving for the "real world". Many students created a strong relationship with their families throughout their life. One of the most challenging things when leaving the family was leaving behind the good, home-cooked meals.

"I'll miss the atmosphere of my home, and, of course, the meals. Having someone to talk to when you're bored is nice, too," said senior **Jaci Van Ee**.

From giving advice to yelling and screaming, siblings were very important. Besides siblings, students also left behind their high school sweethearts.

"I chose the military so I could see places and meet new people. I'm going to miss my girlfriend the most," said senior **Matt Lahvic**.

"I'll miss (freshman) Joel every once in a while, but I'm so excited to be on my own," said senior **Megan Weiler**.

Some students didn't even have to leave their family. Students like senior **Ashley Postma** chose to continue to live at home while attending Indian Hills Community College, Ottumwa where she planned to major in criminal justice.

"I chose to stay home so I could keep my job and still have my friends around," said **Postma**.



●**CRAFT TIME.** Senior **Heather Kraayenbrink** and sister, Erin, sit down to carve pumpkins on Halloween together. "Once the reality kicks in that you're starting a new chapter in life, you realize that you took the little things for granted. I love my sister and will really miss her simply being there," said **Kraayenbrink**.

●**SISTERLY LOVE.** Freshman **Pady Fontana** snuggles up with her sister, senior **Charli Fontana** during their younger years. "Since I plan on going to Central, I'll still be around, but I'll miss talking to her. Seeing her in school was cool. Being in the same school has brought us closer," said **Charli**.



*What is your
most memorable
high school
moment?*

"hard-working"

"Coming to Pella and meeting a lot of new friends and a great boyfriend."

Cassie Kuhl



"procrastinator"

"Wrestling and friends."

Matt Lahvic



"talkative"

"All of my friends went to Sharilyne, Tracy, Kristin, and Vance's birthday party at Kristin's house. The guys started a food fight with hot dogs, marshmallows, and cake. It was a crazy and fun night!"

Rep.
Amy Laug



"exuberant"

"When my friends and I were bored and came up with fun new things to do, like roller skating at the Newton Skate Castle where they treated us like queens."

Sherri Laughlin



"simple"

"Football."

Jason Laverman



“green”

“Being in Mr. Anthony’s room and hearing about the 9-11 attacks for the first time. The whole room was completely surreal.”

Brittany Le May



“mellow”

“When I was in male Forté, and we got to compete at the state drill team competition in the all-male category my junior year.”

Anthony Lopez



“impulsive”

“Neverlasting are the ways in which we walk.”

Ray J. Lovell



“self-confident”

“The band trip to California. It was fun, and I made new friends on the trip. The parade was fun to march. Also, I dislocated my finger in the first football drill of my career. It was the beginning and end of my football career.”

Christoph Lucke



“spontaneous”

“When I was a junior, the choir went to New York. I especially liked seeing the Statue of Liberty and ‘Mama Mia.’ I loved being able to stand by the Statue of Liberty and see New York City.”

Rep. Heather Lukens



“shy”

“Having a great time at prom my junior year.”

Erin Lyman



“independent”

“Going to Cancun during spring break of my freshman year. I went with my family, but we met up with Katie Kniff and Michelle Rooney. We all got burnt really bad, but it was lots of fun.”

Jena Marlow



“determined”

“Going to state in volleyball and basketball. It’s such an experience, and I will never forget it.”

Tracy Marlow



“stuntastic”

“It had to be when I was crowned overlord of everything the eye can see. Oh ... just homecoming king? Yeah, that works.”

Emmanuel Mate-Kodjo



“outgoing”

No comment

Megan Mc Bride



“When my friends and I stayed the night at Kara Elsluo’s house outside during Tulip Time. While we were sleeping the sewage trucks came to empty the toilets and it woke everyone up.”

Brittany McCulla



“spacey”

“Out of all the memorable moments, the best memory has to be making all-state my junior year. It’s nice to have your hard work pay off.”

Samantha Mc Curry



the MONEY game

Scholarships play important role

Money - a major factor in a senior's life as they prepared for college. Hundreds of scholarships were available for those who wanted financial aid.

Academic scholarships based on seniors' ACT and SAT scores and their grade point average helped give students funding.

Senior **Lech Harris** was named a National Merit Scholar based on his PSAT performance. He was then required to take the SAT test to verify the results.

"If you end up getting a really good score, it can open up a lot of opportunities for scholarships," said **Harris**.

The National Honor Society nominated seniors **Ryan Terlouw** and **Billi Ellingson** for the chance to receive national scholarships.

"It was an honor to be nominated. I'm glad I got the opportunity to try," said **Ellingson**.

Another scholarship program available to every senior going on to post-secondary education was Dollars for Scholars. Students were required to fill out a form and then write a thank you note to the Dollars for Scholars. For doing this they received a minimum of \$250. According to of Counselor **Mike Vint's** estimates, about 90 percent of seniors applied for the program.



●**NATIONAL JESTER.** Senior **Lech Harris** plays his part as the court jester during the Madrigal Dinner performance. Besides being involved in drama and speech, **Harris** was named a National Merit Scholar for his scores on the PSAT and SAT tests.

*What will
you miss the
most about
high school?*

"Coca-Cola"

"The thing I'll miss the most about high school is wrestling. The seasons have always been fun, and the bus rides were great."

Jon Miller



"vivacious"

"I'll miss hearing the familiar voices of people down the hall saying 'Good morning', or 'How are you doing', or 'Is there anything I can help you with?'"

Lindsay McFarland



"archaic"

"I'll miss talking with my friends during 'study hall'."

Scott Mendell



"intoxicating"

"I'll miss my friends as we part ways."

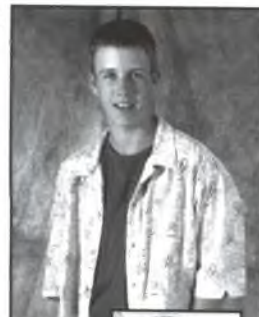
Nick Miller



"spontaneous"

"The thing I'll miss the most about high school is being able to see my friends everyday."

James Montgomery



"faithful"

"I will miss my friends, I might not see some of them, depending on what colleges we go to."

Adam Moore



"maverick"

"I will miss the good old days when school was easy."

Brandon Morgan



"goofy"

"I will miss seeing my friends and other classmates everyday and interacting with them."

Nick Mulder



"crazy"

"The thing I'll miss the most is getting to see my friends every day and not getting to do something with them every weekend."

Katie Overbergen



No comment.

Audrey Peterson



"eclectic"

"I will miss seeing my friends every-day."

Katie Phillips



"shy"

"... living off my mom and her cooking for me."

Nancy Phiv



"crazy"

"I will miss seventh period study hall. Almost all of my friends had this hour off, and we had an awesome time having parties, being crazy and even group singing."

Tiffany Pol



"loyal"

"I will miss my friends and the atmosphere of high school. So many changes will occur, and enjoying the time I spend with them now and enjoying the last few months is something worth remembering."

Ashley Postma



"fun"

"The thing I'll miss the most are the friendships I've established through the years. It will be really hard to leave my best friends behind when I move to California."

Sonya Ravestein



"different"

"We paid for this?"

Matt Redding



"goofy"

"Probably what I'll miss the most would be being able to see my friends every day, just having fun with them messing around in our classes."

Andrew Reeder



Getting a "HEAD START" on college

Seniors opt for AP & college courses

Many students took advantage of the opportunity to dual enroll for courses offering college credits while fulfilling their high school requirements.

"Taking college calculus was helpful because I know college will not be the same format, and it gives me credit for college. I am taking advantage of the extra help now," said senior **Billi Ellingson**.

Some seniors took a college course to learn more about the subject or to broaden their minds and interests.

"I took college calculus to expand my knowledge and by doing that I've developed a deeper appreciation of mathematics," said senior **Jeff Dole**.

The curriculum offered 13 college and advanced placement (AP) courses for students. This gave students the chance to get a "head start" on college.

"Many of our students are going off to college with several college credits already taken. You can almost get a college semester done at Pella High," said Counselor **Mike Vint**.

Some students squeezed in up to three or four college courses during the year - two courses first semester and one or two the next.

"This semester I'm taking college speech and college calculus and next semester I'll have English AP," said senior **Tremaine Versteeg**.



● **UNO, DOS, TRES!** College Spanish seniors **Morgan Kelly** and **Katie Kniff** teach students at Webster Elementary Spanish words for colors, numbers and other basic lessons. "College Spanish is a fun class, however really tough, too. We learn a lot about grammar, which is very confusing," said **Kniff**.

What is the hardest part about being a senior?

"The hardest part is planning to be a freshman again in college."

Tyler Roose



"real"

"Getting up at 9 a.m. and being at school by 10."

Jason Renaud



"high expectations"

"... that my sister died while I was a senior."

Levi Robinson



"creative"

"I think the hardest thing is to walk to your classes while going through mosh pits and wake up when you're ready to graduate."

April Rus



"genuine"

"... trying to decide where I want to go to college and filling out all those scholarships. It's a tough decision!"

Ashley Sample



“ambitious”

No comment.

Cally Schuring



“shocker”

“Deciding where to go to college and what to do after high school.”

Vance Schuring



“dedicated”

“The tough decisions we have to make determining our future.”

Amber Seekamp



“passionate”

“I think the hardest part was basically combining two years into one. It was a lot of added stress, but I accomplished a lot and I’m proud of myself.”

Sara Shetterly



“shocker”

“Choosing where to attend college.”

Chris Shrout



“mammal”

“It isn’t that tough. Yes, I have to play video games during my study halls, and yes, I had the lead in the play and was on the Homecoming Court, but I try to look through all that and focus on the few good things I have.”

Kyle Simpson



“joyful”

“The hardest part is trying to convince Mr. Wittmer to have a snow day, even when there’s no snow.”

Kate Sloan



“stressfulness”

“Living on my own.”

Jamie Stearns



“entertainment”

“Knowing that I will have to depart from good friendships.”

Heidi Steenhoek



“king”

“Dealing with Mr. Carter’s lame jokes.”

Jeff Steenhoek



“affable”

“The hardest part about being a senior has been trying to choose a college and getting ready for college.”

Michelle Steenhoek



“benevolent”

“Realizing this will be the last year that I get to enjoy school lunches, and knowing that I may not get to see my friends and classmates very often.”

Stuart Steenhoek



open hours mean FREE TIME for seniors

Seniors enjoy taking a break

Every student looked forward to his or her senior year when the time for senior release finally came.

"Senior release was convenient. I went home to finish homework, get things I forgot, eat away from school and take naps," said senior **Katelyn DePenning**.

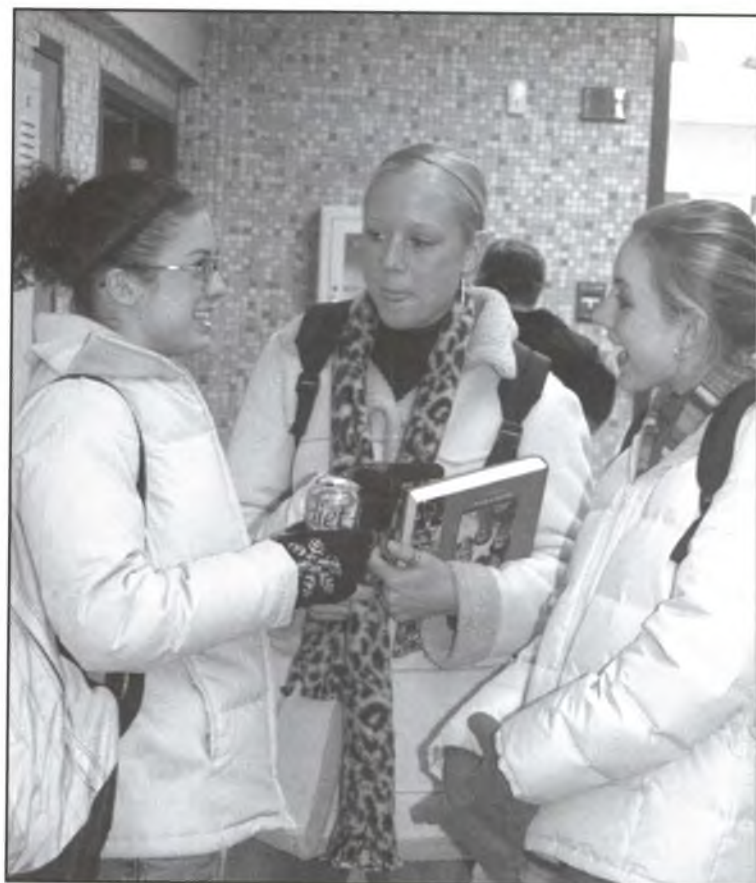
Many students took advantage of it by going home and relaxing or by having a home-cooked meal during lunch. Others chose to stay at school and chat in the lunchroom or upper lobby with their friends or play games, such as cards. Many ran errands they forgot or didn't have time for earlier.

"It gave me the opportunity to get my homework done early, run errands and relax with friends. I also enjoyed the fact that I could go home for a good meal!" said senior **Annie Carlson**.

For seniors **Adam Vande Voort** and **Lance De Vries**, senior release time proved valuable time for one of their favorite pastimes - hunting.

"We went duck hunting during fourth period and lunch one day," said **Vande Voort**.

According to **De Vries**, they stored the guns at **Vande Voort's** and retrieved them on their way to a neighbor's pond. The good news: they snagged two ducks.



●**BREAK TIME.** Seniors **Lindsay Korver**, **Tracy Marlow** and **Jena Marlow** chat as they get ready to leave for their break. Seniors used their senior release time to catch up with each other.

What advice would you give to the underclassmen about high school?

"It doesn't matter what they think, as long as you be yourself. That is how you can truly impress others."

Michael A. Trotter



"spontaneous"

"Don't worry about what other people think of you; if you have fun, that's all that should matter."

Kristin Sytsma



"free"

"Don't smoke crack."

Ryan TerLouw



"virile"

"Get a lot of credits and a good GPA so that you can slack off your senior year."

Jaimy Van Donselaar



"humorous"

"Get involved in everything you can because the next thing you realize, it's your senior year, and you and your friends will soon be going your own ways. Remember: no regrets."

Abby Van Dusseldorp



“right”

“It is important to work hard, but you also need to have fun. Being a good friend is very important.”

**Michael
Van
Dusseldorp**



“indescribable”

“Carpe Diem-
Seize the day!”

**Kevin
Van Dyke**



“fun”

“My advice to underclassmen is to study and get a good GPA your freshman year, and keep it up. Also, respect upperclassmen.”

Jaci Van Ee



“wild”

“Have fun and make the best of it! It will be over before you know it! Stick with your friends and those who really care about you; they will never let you down!”

**Zach
Van Horn**



“cashed”

“Try your hardest; never give up.”

**Jon
Van Ryswyk**



“enthusiastic”

“Get involved, make lots of friends and just have tons of fun.”

**Jennifer
Van
Veldhuizen**



“charismatic”

“Do your homework because if you don't, it will hurt you in the long run.”

**Thomas
Van Weelden**



“bollocks”

“Regardless of hearsay, mixing Tylenol and Mountain Dew does not have the desired effect.”

**William
Van Weelden**



“stoic”

“Don't do today what you can put off until tomorrow.”

**Daron
Van Wyk**



“confused”

“Kick butt and take names.”

Zach Van Wyk



“exciting”

“Make your grades the best you can because you only get one chance.”

**Adam
Vande Voort**



“Joe (Cerwinske)”

“Step out of your comfort zone and do something no one else has!”

**Steven
Vander Linden**

(•Pella Christian graduate; attended some classes here)



early DISMISSAL for 14

Seniors opt for mid-term departure

For 14 seniors, Jan. 16 was the last day of their high school careers. For many, it was an opportunity to experience the work world a little more while setting aside some money for the future.

"I got a second job to save money, pay off my truck and be able to afford college next fall," said senior **Chad de Vries**.

Some planned to stick around Pella for awhile.

"I made money for college, so I'd have a little bit of money to take with me," said senior **Jessica Jones**.

Others will make the move to start their life elsewhere. "I can work full time to save money for college. I plan to move to south-

ern California this summer to pursue my goals," said senior **Sonya Ravestein**. Her goals included college and a job in some area of the banking industry.

Senior **Brittany LeMay** wanted to work toward her personal interests.

"I felt that it was time to pursue my own interests, instead of focusing on subjects that were unbeneficial to my future," said **LeMay**.

Some had more light-hearted reasons for leaving.

"I decided to graduate early because I didn't deem it necessary to indulge my senses in the nasty, stinky-feet-smelling hallways," said senior **Amy Kappel**.



●**TEST TIME.** Among the 14 leaving at semester was senior **Liz Garrard**. She headed out even sooner than the rest as Jan. 10 was her last day. Taking her tests before everyone else was a requirement for her early out. **Garrard** had originally enrolled at Des Moines Area Community College, but her plans fell through.

What are your future plans?

"unique"

"To go to college and go back to California."

Pa Her



"vibrant"

"I plan to attend either DMACC or Kirkwood, then return and work for my dad."

Bryan Vander Meiden



"compassionate"

"I will graduate at semester and work until April. I will be getting married and moving to Marshalltown. In the fall of 2003, I will start college. I plan to major in business."

Kayla Vander Wert



"intellectual"

"I plan to spend four or five years at ISU, majoring in engineering."

Bryan Venteicher



"rollercoaster"

"After graduating college, I will teach for a bit. Then after I marry the guy of my dreams, I'll be a stay at home mom, do volunteer work and coach."

Tremaine Versteeg



“rolex”

“Go to Kirkwood in Iowa City to be an architect and get married to my girlfriend Paige.”

Brad Veverka



“spontaneous”

“I plan to attend Wartburg College and study to become a medical technologist ... oh, and become Queen of the World.”

Sarah Vos



“exuberant”

“I plan to go into law to become a lawyer but will probably end up doing political science communications, hopefully at Iowa State University.”

Gaoder Vue



“home-grown”

“Go to college, get me an education and hang-out.”

Lucas Waits



“gullible”

“I plan to go to Creighton or Iowa State and major in finance and business law. I’m planning on having a super fantastic time and eventually becoming a corporate finance advisor.”

Megan Weiler



“eclectic”

“I plan to go to ISU and eventually open a store with a cafe. It will also sell jewelry and clothing.”

Michelle Westra



“virtuous”

“I plan on going to Faith Baptist Bible College to find a good husband, and get my education, of course. Eventually, I want to transfer to a larger university to further my education in business.”

Anna Whatling



“joy-ful”

“I plan to go to college, play ball and get hitched. After that, it’s all up for grabs.”

Adam Whitehead



“contraband”

“Attend college and major in special effects and visual arts.”

Dan Wichhart



“intelligent”

“To go to college for wildlife, math and art.”

Tim Williams



“ambitious”

“I plan to attend a university, major in psychology and pre-medicine, and hopefully, someday, open my own psychiatry business.”

Chris Wills



“shagadelic”

“Hopefully go to Yale and become a doctor or the President.”

Micah Ybarrola



JUNIORS

Class of 2004

• Rachel Barnes, Jordy Bloodsworth

Juniors' Speed

Catches Up with Them

“I asked if I could have a warning, and I promised to never speed again! I had to ride the bus to school for a month....”

By the time they reached junior year, many students had already gotten their first speeding ticket. In many cases, seeing flashing police lights in the rear view mirror and the moment of being pulled over was quite scary and upsetting. Or, it could be just the opposite - embarrassing.

“When I got pulled over, I immediately started crying. I was so upset about the whole thing. I asked if I could have a warning, and I promised to never speed again! I had to ride the bus to school for the month that I lost my license as my punishment from my parents,” said junior **Erin Sokol**.

Some students got lucky by getting off with a warning.

“When I got myself pulled over I was really worried I would get a ticket on my clean record, but with a little sweet talkin’, he let me off with a warning,” said junior **Stephen Meyer**.

The only good that could come from a speeding ticket was “learning your lesson.” Juniors like **Jordy Bloodsworth**, however, didn’t let a speeding ticket slow them down.

“After getting my first speeding ticket, I decided to put a fuzz buster in my car. It worked great but didn’t allow me enough time to slow down, so I got my second ticket. After getting my second ticket, I still don’t bother to slow down,” said **Bloodsworth**.



♦**BUSTED!** Officer **Da Beukelman** sits with junior **Tod**

Schuring. On his way home from a Knoxville basketball game, **Schuring** was fined for going 10 m.p.h. over. ♦**CLOSE ONE!** Junior **Stephen Meyer** checked over his warning for speeding. While **Meyer** made off with a warning on the speeding charge, he was charged with a seat belt violation. Fines for seat belt violations ran around \$50.

What is the biggest decision you've made as a junior?

“My course choices. I knew each one affected my future and my choices in jobs.”



•Junior **Michael Van Dusseldorp**



“Deciding the field of study I want to go into after high school.”



•Junior **Louis Vander Streek**



“Starting to look at colleges. I’ve visited Central and ISU, and I’ve also taken the ACT’s twice.”



•Junior **Jon Erickson**



“Whether or not to graduate early.”

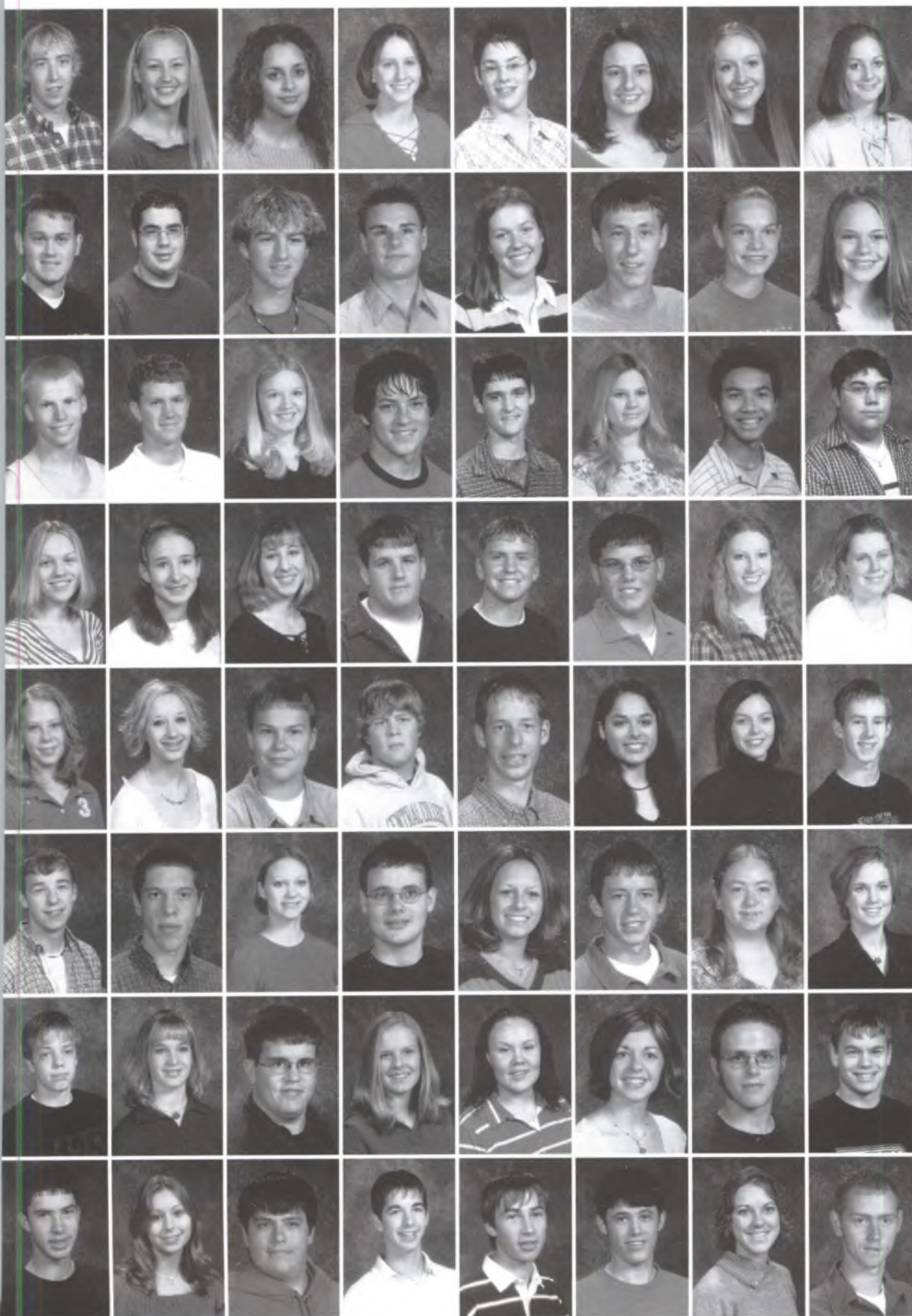
•Junior **Michelle Dykstra**

“Deciding to take difficult math classes because I want to be a high school math teacher.”

•Junior **Kendi Beyer**

“Deciding to move to Minneapolis after I graduate.”

•Junior **Grace Martsching**



Stephen Bandstra
Rachel Barnes
Alexis Baugh
Emily Bensink
Kendi Beyer
Lacey Beyer
Lauren Birkel
Jordy Bloodsworth

Rep. Brandon Boat
Brian Boat
Rep. Tyler Boeyink
David Bogaard
Sarah Benedict
Ryan Boswell
Amber Breuklander
Danielle Brillhart

Dustin Browne
Taylor Brummel
Chris Buitenwerf
Joe Burch
Justin Caldwell
Jeni Cervellera
Toney Chem
Chris Childress

Christina Clinkenbeard
Katie Collins
Alison Corbett
Chris Corbin
Jasen Dahm
Dustin DeHaan
Danielle Descoteau
Lindsay Donahue

Heather Dugger-Fryman
Michelle Dykstra
Kyle Eastwood
Michael Edwards
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Paola Espinosa
Kelly Eysink
Robbie Feeney

David Fitch
Casey Flanagan
Courtney Fleenor
Tyler Freeman
Chelsea Freese
Dan George
Maria Goodman
Emily Goodyk

Matt Goodyk
Sara Goodyk
Darvin Graham
Lindsay Graham
Ashley Gritters
Micaela Grob
Rep. Joseph Groenenboom
Luke Guillien

Nick Hartson
April Harvey
Andy Hawkins
Cory Hill
Izaak Holt
Mitch Horn
Kelly Hudson
Josh Jaarsma

Bryan Janssen
Josh Jones
Mary Beth Jones
Stephanie Kindred
Matt Klassen
Collin Knoll
Darrell Kooistra
Nathan Kroese

Chris Landon
Michael Langenfeld
Sophie Linn
Pres. Angela LoThi
Ashley Lukens
Andrew Lundgren
Lauretta MacCready
Lacey Malek

Ben Malsom
Grace Martsching
Lacy May
Loni May
Gabrielle McBride
Megan McCombs
Brad McNabb
Brian Melhus



Defining Moments of Junior Year

"We were driving around and yelled at an off-duty policeman who in turn called other cops. They pulled over my Tahoe filled with eight kids and wanted to charge us with reckless driving, disturbing the peace and human endangerment." - Junior **Ryan Salter**

"When we went to Knoxville to pick up 100 inflated balloons to bring back to the football game. We found a cat before we left and brought it with us. We found out it was **Jordy's (Bloodsworth)** neighbor's cat!" - Junior **Lyndsay Van Maaren**

"When **Chris Orr** and I turned a forty minute jog for cross country practice into an hour and 20 minute excursion in the Pella sewer tunnels." - Junior **Casey Flanagan**

"Beating out the seniors during homecoming!" - Junior **Chris Buitenwerf**

"When **Emily Goodyk** had a fake birthday at Mi Ranchito, and all of us girls stole the four foot-wide birthday sombrero." - Junior **Lauren Birkel**

"Physical fitness tests this year saying 'up ... down ... up ... down ... made us laugh so hard we could hardly do the push-ups." - Junior **Matthew Scharff**



1%

...have their cartilage pierced. "As the needle penetrated through the flesh, I felt excruciating pain, a moment never to be forgotten." - Junior **Sarah Van Wyk**

1%

...have their nose pierced. "People seem to be really curious about it, especially what I do when I get a cold." - Junior **Stephanie Kindred**



4%

...have their tongues pierced. "I get a lot of mixed reactions about it. It was my choice to do it, nobody else's." - Junior **Lacey Malek**.



9%

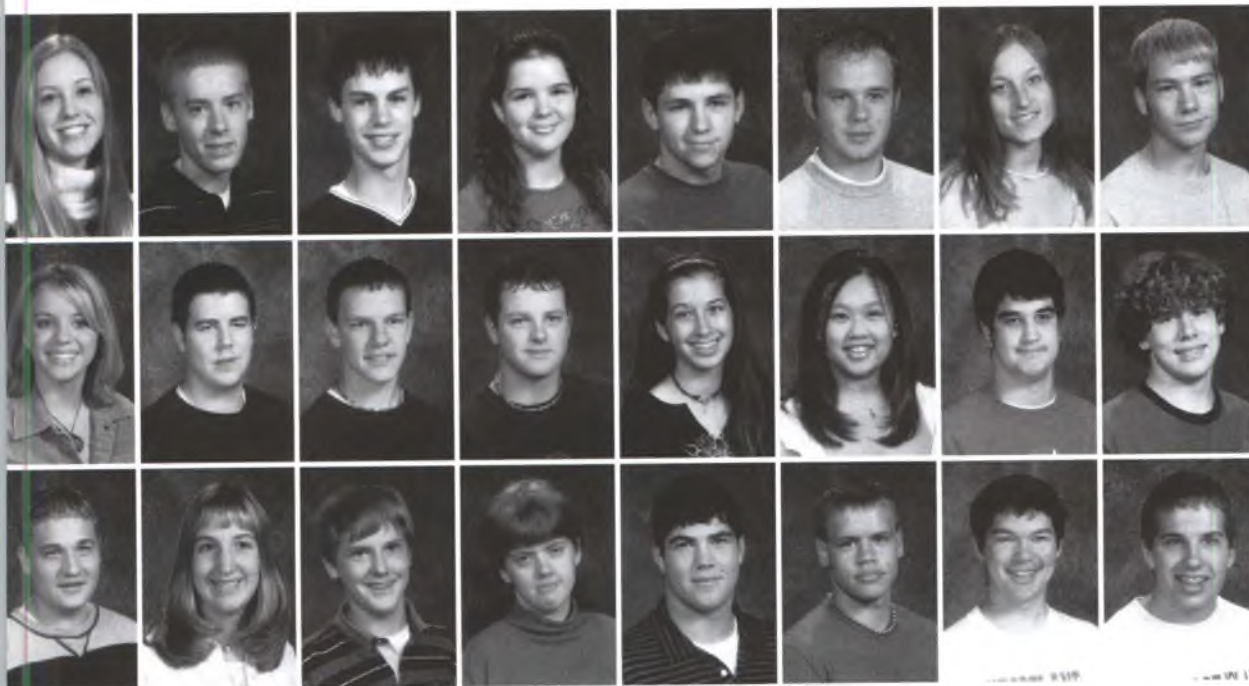
...have their belly buttons pierced. "I love having my belly button pierced because I love looking for all the cool rings for it." - Junior **Hannah Smith**



41%

...have their ears pierced. "Some people tattoo their lover's name on their shoulder, others jump out of a plane. I chose to pierce my lobe on my birthday." - Junior **Alex Schuring**





Rep. Whitney Metcalf
Stephen Meyer
Tim Newendorp
Ashley Nicklas
Andy Oldridge
Jeremy Olsen
Ashley Orr
Chris Orr

Katie Ozinga
Jon Pederson
Jason Pfadenhauer
Dustin Pitt
Megan Pothoven
Alice Quangvan
Luke Rauch
Sam Reicks

Mark Richards
Brenda Roose
Josh Rozendaal
Amy Ryerson
Ryan Salter
Mike Salz
Joey Santiago
Matt Scharff

The Musician



Toney Chem

Singing was always in my life. I sang along with my cousins, and I was surprisingly good, according to my cousins. Since then, I've always wanted to be a singer.

I started taking music seriously at the end of my sophomore year. I recorded my first single "Jealousy" and collected songs I had written and planned to release an album. I also auditioned for "American Idol" in Texas and made a music video to compete in "Star Search Iowa." I didn't move on in "American Idol," and I didn't win "Star Search Iowa." Rejection hurts, but if I truly want to be famous, I have to get used to it. I just have to keep my head up, pray, and hope for the best.

The Linguist



Micaela Grob

My dad, Hans, lived in Switzerland until he was about 6, then he and my grandparents moved here. I decided I wanted to learn German because he and Grossmami (my grandma) speak it all the time to each other. Also, my entire dad's side of the family still lives in Switzerland, so I think it's time I learn to speak German.

I have been taking the German sessions for five months. I'm also on my third year of French, so in my tutoring sessions for German, I found myself speaking French instead, but I don't do it as often anymore. I'm looking forward to hopefully speaking both fluently.

The Artist



Evan Sevits

I started to do graffiti a couple of years ago when I lived in Ohio. When I moved to Pella, I found a lot more time to work on my artwork because the lack of anything else to do here. When I start a new drawing, I usually come up with a word that has some significance to me, and I think of different ways that I can distort it and make it look good.

My style of art is greatly influenced by the styles and words of the hip-hop culture. Many of the things that I graffiti are ideas that come from that genre. I also often draw the things that I like or name brands of the clothes that I wear.

The Committed



Lindsay Graham

Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, I start my day at 7:15 playing saxophone in jazz band and end my day with drill team practice until five. During football season, I perform in the color guard as captain of the rifles. During basketball season, I perform in the drill team. During spring sports, I play tennis, and outside of school, I have chosen to take piano lessons and sing in my church choir.

It almost seems overwhelming, but I truly wouldn't drop any of these activities. My commitment gives me a sense of achievement and provides me with a wide variety of friendships.

Matt Schnell
 Alex Schuring
 Todd Schuring
 Caleb Seelye
 Evan Sevits
 John Shaw
 Chris Vos
 Trent Sikkema



Stephanie Slatton
 Hannah Smith
 Josh Smith
 Luke Sneller
 Matt Snyder
 Erin Sokol
 Tara Sorensen
 Richard Spierenburg



Becky Steenhoek
 Bryce Steenhoek
 Anne Ter Louw
 Matt Terlouw
 Justin Thomas
 Tony Torres
 David Trotter
 Don Trotter



Seamus Turnbull
 Tanna Van Den Berg
 Cricket Vanden Berg
 Michael Van Dusseldorp
 Mike Van Dusseldorp
 Alison Van Hal
 Kellee Van Hemert
 Nathan Van Kampen



Matt Van Maanen
 Lyndsay Van Maaren
 Amanda Van Sant
 Brady Van Vark
 Katie Van Vark
 Lara Van Wyk
 Sarah Van Wyk
 Kristin Van Zee



Tyler Vander Linden
 Louis Vander Streek
 Natasha Vander Weide
 Emma Vander Well
 Lindsey Vander Wert
 David Vannoy
 Jacob Vaverka
 Jenny Veenstra



Savannah Veenstra
 Sara VerMeer
 Tyler VerMeer
 Nicole Verhey
 Blair Verhoef
 Jon Vermeer
 Brandi Vink
 Chakong Vue



Karen Williams
 Drew Wilson
 Brandi Wince
 Andrew Yang
 Chung Yang
 Lisa Yang



Juniors Define Themselves...

What's on your key chain?

Stephanie Kindred



Karen Williams

Rachel Barnes



Dustin Browne

What's your most comfortable pair of shoes?

Tyler Boeyink



Micaela Grob

Brandi Vink



Taylor Brummel

What's your favorite school lunch?

Paola Espinosa
Hot ham & cheese



David Trotter
Salad bar



Drew Wilson
Uncrustables



Brian Melhus
Corn dogs

Up

"Beating number one-ranked Norwalk at the last second in basketball."

Junior
Emily Bensink



"My car was taken away from me for two months for undisclosed reasons."

Junior
Brady Van Vark

Down

TOP 5

Class Memories

1

Losing a Classmate:

Leah Grace Robinson, a member of the junior class, died after a car accident in September 2002. A plaque honoring her hangs in the lower lobby.

2

Two-Time Class Champs:

Juniors defeated the seniors in homecoming class competitions two years in a row. This year, juniors also won the spirit shoe. The seniors were disappointed while the juniors walked away with pride.

3

Dance the Night Away...or Not:

The summer before freshman year, **Danielle Brillhart** had a party at her house. **Brillhart** and **Micaela Grob** were dancing on top of a glass table when it broke, and they fell through.

4

It's Lunchtime:

Eighth grade holds the most memorable lunch time moment. Classmates cheered on **Darvin Graham** as he stuffed one Uncrustable after another in his mouth. Needless to say, he didn't feel so great afterward.

5

On to the Academy Awards:

Juniors' acting abilities were revealed in **Barb Willis'** eighth grade play unit. Plays were selected from judges, and a "Willi Awards" ceremony was held. Many students walked away with gold army men as their Willi Award.

SOPHOMORES

Class of 2005

•Allison Mansueto, Luisa Orticelli

Sophomores Rejoice At Their Newfound Freedom

“ I liked getting my license because I got the freedom of driving anywhere I wanted.”

The most exciting part of sophomore year for most was finally turning 16 and receiving a license.

“I liked getting my license because I got the freedom of driving anywhere I wanted,” said sophomore **Ryan Van Roekel**.

Sophomores earned their licenses after spending half their summer in driver's education.

“I had to ride my bicycle every morning to driver's ed, and it became a pain since I had to get up earlier,” said sophomore **Lindsay Blair**.

Some teenagers were forced to take a driving test with a police officer before they were given the o.k. to drive.

“I went there on my birthday, May 20, and found out that I had to drive. I was really mad because they made me wait until the 22nd to drive. It wasn't too hard. I drove around Knoxville with a lady yelling at me, but I passed with flying colors the first time,” said sophomore **Justin Ver Steeg**.

Insurance rates for teenagers have skyrocketed in recent years, especially for boys. Many family arguments arose when deciding who would pay these monthly bills.

“It takes a lot of money out of your paycheck to pay for it. My parents and I agreed on doing this. I feel more responsible paying for my own car insurance,” said sophomore **David Beyer**.



❖**PRIZED BEAUTY!** Sophomore **Nathan De Zwart** stands by his 2004 Ford Mustang, his pride and joy. “Sometimes I worry too much because I’m afraid someone will do something

to my car. I notice every little scratch and detail. I’m paranoid,” said **De Zwart**. ❖**READY TO ROLL.** Sophomore **Bruno Orticelli** prepares to speed off in his Ford Taurus.

Have you been in a car accident?

“When **Wade Hamre** rolled his Ford Explorer. It showed that Wade is a skilled driver.”



“These Pella Christian guys were following us, and when they tried to cut us off they ran into each other.”



“I backed into the side of **Kassie Sneller**’s car at the skate park; luckily, there was no damage to my car.”



●Sophomore **Chris Eick**

“I was going into town and I hit the gravel, cranked my wheel, I did a 180 and ended up in the ditch.”

●Sophomore **Brianna Ybarrola**

“I was driving, and **Tommy Fritz** didn’t see me and almost hit me, luckily I swerved out of his way.”

●Sophomore **Kevin Graham**

“I rear ended **Brett Nikkel** and the whole front end of my car got smashed in.”

●Sophomore **Derek Groenendyk**

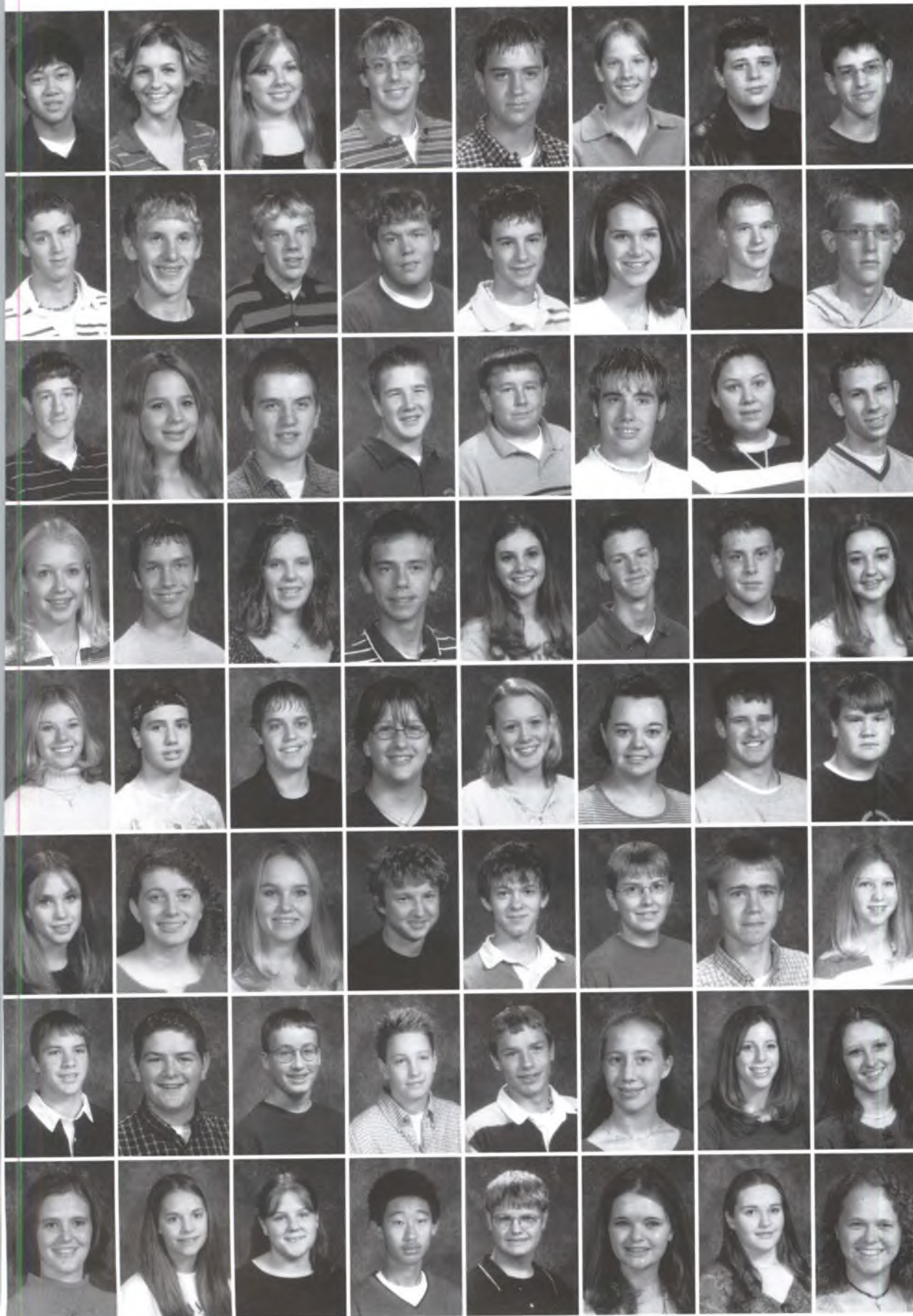


●Sophomore **Rachel Shaw**



●Sophomore **Andrew Oakland**





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Megan Bender
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Chris Boat
Jake Boertje

Kile Boetger
Travis Bogaard
Luke Borgman
Andrew Bradley
Curtis Brobst
Marie Bruns
Robert Bruss
Cody Butler

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Victoria Cervellera
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Jen Farmer
Kara Fillmore
Kayla Fitzgerald
Derek Forsythe
Tommy Fritz

Alyson Fugitt
Leila Garner
Brianna Garrard
Tony Glaspie
Kevin Graham
Jameson Grier
Derek Groenendyk
Alyssa Haman

Wade Hamre
Jeremy Hanson
Kris Harthoorn
Trevor Hoeksema
Zach Hogan
Michelle Holthaus
Kelly Hoopes
Brittany Hopkins

Takara Hrdlicka
Lisa Jaarsma
Danielle Jacobson
Yupeng Jin
Dan Johnson
Cassie Jones
Kristine Kernode
Holly King

Cody Kirby
Adam Klassen
Elisabeth Kleven
Casey Kloosterman
Andy Knight
Joe Langenfeld
Sara Langham
Kayla Lewis



Taylor Lind
Alli Linn
Cory Lovan
Chris Lyng
Allison Mansueto
Alison Mason
Hayes McCurry
Paige McGriff



Ben McIntosh
Laura Mitchell
Cody Mock
Danielle Newendorp
Brett Nikkel
Jason Nunnikhoven
David Nurse
Andrew Oakland



Defining Moments of Sophomore Year

"It was great to hear everyone cheer for 'Mr. Kramer' during the homecoming skit night." - Sophomore **Josiah Carter**

"When a bunch of friends and I went to Bos Landen driving range and video taped ourselves rolling down the hill in garbage cans." - Sophomore **Stacey DeJoode**

"It was really cool to go to the beach and see how big the ocean was on the band trip to Pasadena." - Sophomore **Alli Linn**

"Mr. Blair knocking over the music stand in band during an early morning rehearsal." - Sophomore **David Vos**

"Playing computer games and trying not to get caught in the library." - Sophomore **Derick Steil**

"Beating Oskaloosa for the first time in football." - Sophomore **Zach Hogan**

54%

...say that American Eagle is the best store. "AE has comfortable, in-style clothes for reasonable prices. They offer a variety of cute clothes for every season and have lots of sales." -Sophomore **April Stursma**



16%

...spend their money at The Buckle. "The Buckle is great basically just for the fact that they have lots of cool Hurley stuff and tons of different brands. The prices aren't bad either." -Sophomore **Curtis Brobst**

16%

...go to Wal-Mart. "It's a fun place to hang-out. It has a good selection of stuff, I want a Super Wal-Mart." -Sophomore **Jen Farmer**



14%

...shop at EXPRESS. "Along with a wide variety of different shirts, belts, and underwear, the clothes are pretty sophisticated." -Sophomore **Crystal Elsloo**

Define Yourself Through Shopping

(37 Sophomores Surveyed)



Kyle Oppenhuizen
Bruno Orticelli
Pres. Luisa Orticelli
Chelsea Pelland
Lacey Pender
Josh Pommer
Megan Renaud
Nikita Romick

Ashley Roorda
Heather Ross
Drew Ryken
Matt Schreiner
Rachel Shaw
Sara Simmons
Ryan Sims
Josh Slatton

Dustin Sloan
Kassie Sneller
Ron Steenhoek
Sara Steenhoek
Derick Steil
Sarah Stuckey
April Stursma
Jaci Terlouw

The Determined The Committed The Easy-Going The Artistic



Michelle Holthaus

I have taken up a hobby that most people don't think of in Pella. I do ballet. I am involved in the Central Iowa Youth Ballet and am quite dedicated to it. There are about 20 girls and two boys involved in the program. I practice every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday for one-and-a-half to two hours. I have also gotten the chance to perform in numerous ballets like "The Nutcracker" at the Des Moines Civic Center, and I'm currently understudying in "Snow White" at the Des Moines Playhouse.

I love to dance and hopefully, my dedication will pay off in the future.



Takara Hrdlicka

I am involved in band, orchestra, jazz band, knowledge bowl, volleyball, basketball and youth group, but I still find time to hang with my friends. Most importantly, though, I've tried to keep my 4.0 GPA, because I know how much it will aid me later in life. I've been on the honor roll since sixth grade and always try to remain at the top of my class.

It's hard to juggle everything, but it's something that's important to me, so I try to do my best in everything I do. I don't want to feel like a slacker and want to succeed throughout my high school years.



Chelsea Pelland

I suppose you could describe me as quite laid-back. I try to keep my cool and not stress over the little things. When I'm bored, I actually don't mind playing little games with my brother, like Yo-gi-oh?. I also enjoy versing him in a nice quiet game of Simpson's Road Rage or SSX Snowboarding.

The next best thing is definitely hanging out with my friends. We do bunches of wacky stuff together, and now that everyone is able to drive, it's just going to get crazier and crazier.

I also enjoy playing soccer. Soccer is an awesome sport, and I suggest that everyone give it a try.



Ranson Worstell

I started drawing after I read comics when I was young. I tried to imitate the style, then I grew from that experience. I like to draw characters that I think are unique or that other people ask, and I try to draw it how they imagined it. I especially enjoy drawing knights, samurais, and ninjas, just stuff from history. I spend about two or three hours drawing each day.

There are so many good artists that I can't pick just one out that I look up to, but I think the animators from Anime's have a style I aspire to learn. I want to be an animator but not an artist who puts work in a gallery.

Alicia Thomas
Jenny Torres
Tony Van Donselaar
Madi Van Haaften
Ryan Van Roekel
Jill Van Vark
Jackie Van Veldhuizen
Kelli VanWyk

Bobbi Van Zante
Brittany Vande Voort
Zach Vanden Berg
Ashley Vander Hart
Mike Vander Hoek
Justin VerSteeg
Cody Verros
Andy Versluys

Cal Vos
David Vos
Brent Vriezelaar
Jennifer Wickett
Ricky Widmar
Aleshia Williams
Jordan Williams
Amanda Wills

Ranson Worstell
Heidi Wouterse
Kristen Wright
Mai Yang
Naomi Yang
Brianna Ybarrola
Adam Zemanek

Not pictured: Andrew Cogley,
Sara Mullen, Skyler Van Walbeeck



❖**MOOCHERS!** Sophomores **Laura Mitchell, Sara Steenhoek, Allison Mansueto, and Stacey De Jooode** devour Allison's dessert during her 16th birthday party at Don Pablo's in West Des Moines. Afterwards, the girls went and played laser tag at Merle Hay Mall. "We had a lot of fun that night, and playing laser-tag was great," said **Steenhoek**.

❖**FRIGHTENING!** Sophomores **Brianna Ybarrola, Kelli Hoopes and Alyssa Haman** dress up for Halloween. The girls got ready at **Hoopes's** house and trick-or-treated as dead movie stars. "It was fun dressing up, and we got tons of candy," said **Haman**.



Sophomores Define Themselves...

What do you drive to school?

Jill Van Vark
1986 Oldsmobile



1982 Ford Bronco
Ryan Bettger

Andrew Bradley
1980 Chevrolet El Camino



1989 Honda Accord
Stacey De Joode

What is your favorite piece of jewelry?

Naina Barnett



Jen Farmer

Sara Steenhoek



Kelli Hoopes

Dogs or Cats?



Kayla Lewis
with Porsche

Kristine Kermode
with Zeek



Marie Bruns
with Bunker

Derek Forsythe
with Lucy



Up

"When we
smoked all the
other classes in
the canned food
drive."

Sophomore
Crystal Elsloo



"The Hawkeyes
losing the
Orange Bowl."

Sophomore
Drew Ryken

Down

TOP 5

Class Memories

1 *Losing a Friend:*

During the summer of eighth grade, **Darren Lopez** was hit by a car while rollerblading down a hill in Oskaloosa. Many students attended **Lopez's** funeral in Oskaloosa.

2 *SURVIVOR:*

Eighth Grade Party for the Class of 2005 was considered to be one of the best. Some seniors even mentioned that they were jealous because the decorations looked better than prom's.

3 *Library Policy:*

Due to rebellious users, the Pella Middle School library was forced to implement a new five-minute library rule. Students were kicked out after five minutes; sometimes, the librarian set a timer to inform them their time was up.

4 *Homecoming:*

For the past two years, the Class of '05 has lost Homecoming. Disqualification is the main culprit to their losing streak. Some mentioned that losing is the class's Homecoming tradition.

5 *Pella Plus:*

The program was created to help students complete their homework. This was implemented after the Class of 2005 had problems turning in their work on time.

FRESHMEN

Class of 2006

• Catie Beck, Blair Verhoef

Freshmen Find Their Niche

“In Lynnville-Sully, the class size was 40, and Pella is a lot bigger! It would have been difficult to find friends if I hadn't played volleyball.

”

The first year of High School is normally a little dreaded by all freshmen- but perhaps more for the new freshmen students.

For many of these new students, the larger size of Pella High School was intimidating. Luckily for freshman **Laurel Van Dusseldorp**, this wasn't much of a problem. Her brother, senior **Mike Van Dusseldorp** took her on a tour of the High School a couple days before the school year started.

“It made me feel more confident about going into the school year. I felt a little nervous and excited as well,” said **Van Dusseldorp**.

Size wasn't the only fear factor for these young students. The question of who will be my friend was a scary one.

“In Lynneville-Sully, the class size was forty, and Pella is a lot bigger! It would have been difficult to find friends if I hadn't played volleyball,” said freshman **Lindsey Jansen**.

Freshman **Jared Myers** (Allen) also commented on trying to find friends in Pella. “Having to start over and meet new people was hard and kinda weird,” said **Myers** (Allen).



❖**STARTING OVER.** At the arcade, freshman **Lindsey Jansen** plays games with her new friends, freshmen **Anne Pitkin** and **Brenna Boat**. “My friends are fun and easy to get along with,” said **Jansen**.



❖**FIGURING IT ALL OUT.** Freshman **Laurel Van Dusseldorp** works on her honors English test. “I think this year has been challenging, but PC overall was harder,” said **Van Dusseldorp**.

How should freshmen treat upperclassmen?

“Act the same. Just because they're older doesn't mean you should treat them differently.”

● Freshman **Tara Franco**



“Treat them as they treat us...like dirt.”

● Freshman **Amanda Veenstra**



“Just be yourself and know when you aren't wanted around.”

● Freshman **Jason Dole**



“Don't treat them any different than you would treat your friends.”

● Freshman **Kerry Van Hemert**



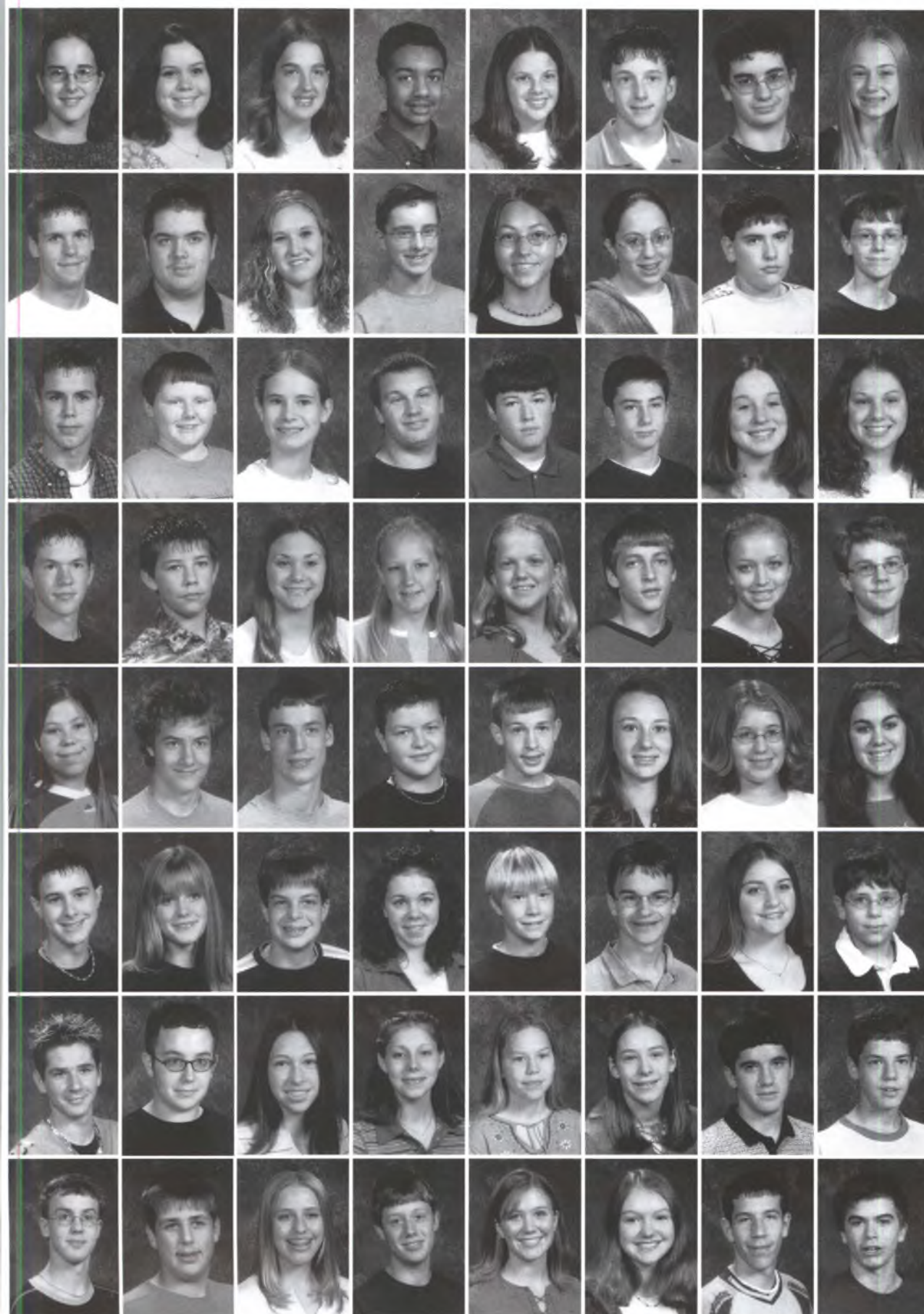
“You shouldn't make them mad, or they beat you down.”

● Freshman **Andrew Doyle**



“I think you should just be nice to them, but not go out of your way to please them.”

● Freshman **Jessica Terlouw**



Tiffany Alft
 Brittney Anderson
 Rachel Anderson
 Sage Baugh
 Caitlin Bettger
 Jon Birkel
 Jed Blauw
 Brenna Boat

Josh Bogaard
 Tim Bogaards
 Janell Bollard
 Joel Bouwers
 Rebecca Burch
 Kristen Burghorn
 Tyler Carlson
 Dustan Carr

Travis Chapman
 Tony Coatney
 Sara Collins
 Michael Comstock
 Andrew Corbett
 Alex Current
 Meagan Dahlin
 Chelsey Dahm

Phil Davidson
 Jon DeHaan
 Amy DeZwarte
 Kelsey DenAdel
 Katelyn Dingeman
 President Jason Dole
 Rep. Ashley Dorman
 Andrew Doyle

Valerie Dugger-Fryman
 Tim Elzinga
 Kyle Erickson
 Lance Eysink
 Cory Fitzsimmons
 Stephanie Fleenor
 Pady Fontana
 Tara Franco

Jay Gehrt
 Kerry George
 Joseph Goodyk
 Jennie Gosnell
 Jordan Grier
 Cole Guillien
 Nikki Halvorsen
 Jordan Harvey

Brandon Haugland
 Chris Henry
 Michelle Hiemstra
 Lindsey Hoopes
 Samantha Hunt
 Lindsey Jansen
 Brad Janssen
 Josh Kamerick

Matt Kelly
 Jason Kingma
 Kyrsten Klein
 Ross Langel
 Lyndsey Lanser
 Nicole Lanser
 Brandon Lautenbach
 Joe LeMay

Rachael Lent
Derek Long
Michael MacCready
Beatriz Mate-Kodjo
Jay Mathes
Mitchell McFarland
Angela McNaughton
Rep. Ashley Meirick



Vincent Mejia
Cory Meyers
Paul Michaels
Michelle Mitchell
Morgan Mock
Jacqueline Moore
Dustin Moritz
Jared Myers



Rep. Paige Nelson
Brett Newendorp
Tim Noteboom
A.J. Nunnikhoven
Shelly Nunnikhoven
Conor O'Brien
Corey Oliver
Dan Orange



Defining Moments of Freshman Year

"I enjoyed bowling for P.E., it was something different." -Freshman **Ashley Meirick**

"The dances were the best part of freshman year." -Freshman **Samantha Thomas**

"I was just glad to get through the first semester of freshman year." -Freshman **Cory Fitzsimmons**

"Going to California with the band." -Freshman **Michelle Hiemstra**

"The lunches were a lot better than in middle school." -Freshman **Sara Parson**

"I made more friends." -Freshman **Shelly Nunnikhoven**

"The high school sports were the best part of the freshman year." -Freshman **Beatriz Mate-Kodjo**

"Getting my new Camaro." -Freshman **Ben Van Wyk**

"Football. It was a lot of fun since we ended up with a winning record, and at one point we were 1-4!" -Freshman **Jay Mathes**

22%

...listen to Rap/Hip Hop/R&B. "I listened to rap at night before bed, mainly Eminem and Nelly." Freshman **Vince Mejia**



17%

...listen to Punk/Rock. "I listened to it when I was mad so I didn't go psycho on someone who didn't deserve it." Freshman **Katie Sadler**

22%

...listen to Alternative/Pop. "When I drove school was when I listened to music the most. My favorite artist was Kelly Clarkson." Freshman **Suzi Steenhoek**



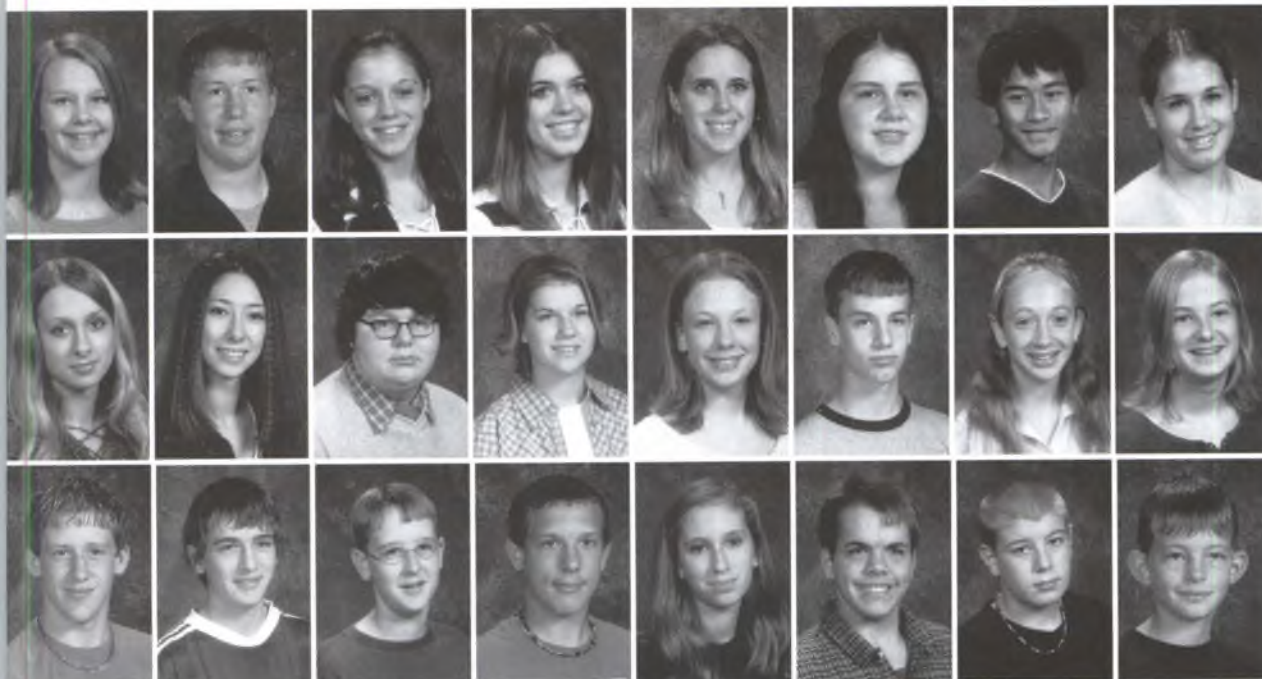
39%

...listen to other. "I liked disco because disco is not dead! It is still alive!" Freshman **Greg Reuter**



Define Yourself Through Music

(100 freshmen surveyed)



Lauren Oscarson
Trevor Patch
Stephanie Pearson
Briana Pfadenhauer
Kiley Phillips
Sara Phillips
Tonna Phiv
Anne Pitkin

Natalia Plahotnaya
Elysia Purnell
Chris Rempe
Hillary Renaud
Megan Renaud
Greg Reuter
Anna Rietveld
Jessica Rietveld

Derek Roorda
James Rozenboom
Chris Rus
Derek Russell
Katie Sadler
Thomas Salz
Matt Sample
Cody Sanders

The Thinker



Since I was small, I would think of unusual things at unusual times. I loved to talk. I talked to everyone; and if no one would listen, I would talk to the walls.

I was also into reading. Even before I learned how to read, I would get out something with writing on it and stare at it.

Now, I love to read and write. I prefer fiction, but then I have always preferred fantasy to reality reading.

As for poetry, I like poems that are a bit on the sad and gloomy side. I think that they provoke the most thought and make you appreciate the better times.

Megan Whitehead

The Fashionable



I became fashionable when I was beginning eighth grade.

I usually wear clothes that I like and that are comfortable. Most of the time, the clothes come from American Eagle.

I like to wear clothes that are "in" style, and some that are not. If I like it, I wear it.

The accessory that I have to wear to complete an outfit are bracelets. I feel like the finishing touch makes the outfit look balanced or helps it to stand out. My outfit is never completed until I have my bracelet on.

My shoes help show whether my outfit is dressy, sporty, or casual. Overall, I think my favorite shoe would be the flip-flop.

Lindsey Hoops

The Artist



I have always been interested in art. I have been painting ever since I was a little kid. I enjoyed doing it because I was good at it. I liked using oil paints the most, but I found I'm better at acrylics. Right now I am trying to develop my skills in painting as well as drawing and designing. I have never taken any painting program outside of school, but it has always just been my thing.

A lot of people ask me what my inspiration is, but I have to admit I don't really have one. I simply have fun depicting whatever comes into my head in whatever medium is available.

Rebecca Burch

The Daredevil



I skate because it's fun, and I think it's harder than school sports, besides wrestling. I don't like basketball or stuff like that. In those sports, you have coaches telling you how to play. When skateboarding, you can do whatever you want. Some people skate instead of playing school sports because they are no longer a challenge for them.

I've had many hard falls at the Tulip Tower, Central College, and the skate park. I like to skate at the skate park and where ever stairs are.

I like Rodney Mullen a lot because he does really techy tricks.

People do what they like. I skate.

Nic Smith

Andrew Santiago
Liesel Schroder
Jeff Seekamp
Tyler Seelye
Jason Semidey
Brandon Sietstra
Andy Skarda
Nic Smith



Sierra Smith
Troy Smith
Gabe Spencer
Suzie Steenhoek
Ashley Stoll
Kendra Strobel
Anna Stuckey
Jon Tangen



Erika Terlouw
Jessica Terlouw
Samantha Thomas
Matt Trotter
Josh Valster
Laurel Van Dusseldorp
Willie Van Ee
Samantha Van Haaften



Zach Van Haaften
Kerry Van Hemert
Hillary Van Horn
Holly Van Kooten
Jon Van Kooten
Dan Van Rees
Ben Van Wyk
Derek Van Wyk



Justin Van Zante
Kyler Vand Kieft
Chelsea Vande Lune
Sarah Vandenberg
Brandon Vander Leest
Blake Vander Molen
Bret Vander Streek
Narissa Vander Weide



Amanda Veenstra
Justin Ver Heul
David Visser
Nate Voelker
Jessica Vos
Nancy Vue
Zach Wallace
Suzanne Wares



Brandi Watkins
David Way
Joel Weiler
A.J. Whatling
Megan Whitehead
C.J. Wickett
Ashley Willemsen
Chong Yang



Paul Yang
Josh Youngman
Candace Zwank
Not Pictured:
Aaron Navarro
Jenna Parker

Isaac Roorda - Home Schooled
Clare Stofferahn - Home Schooled



Freshman *Define* Themselves...

Can you make a funny face?

Thomas Salz



Hillary Van Horn

Nate Voelker



Kerry Van Hemert

What's in your notebook?

Ashley Dorman



Jay Mathes

Natalia Plahotnaya



Candy Zwank

What does your locker look like?



Kristen Burghorn

Ashley Willemsen



Laurel Van Dusseldorp

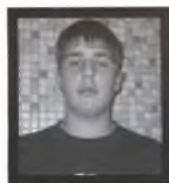
Ashley Meirick



Up

"Freshmen football because they taught us more."

Freshman
Jason Kingma



"In orchestra, my chair fell in a crack, and I fell."

Freshman
Chelsey Dahm

Down

TOP 5

Class Memories

1 Science Experiment Disaster:

In sixth grade, students learned about acids and bases. **Cody Savage** decided to see for himself how the acid and base would react when put together. The whole class learned that it makes an explosion.

2 Wildlife Close Encounter:

During recess in seventh grade, **Bret Vander Streek** was chased and knocked down by a deer. Pella police later shot the deer.

3 Lost Lunch Card:

In eighth grade, **Sage Baugh** decided to attempt to fool the pop machine with his lunch card. Unfortunately for **Baugh**, he didn't get his pop or his card back.

4 Teacher Turnover:

After teaching the Class of 2006, at least one teacher quit after fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

Hiding Spot Doesn't Work As Planned:

5 In eighth grade, **Chelsea VandeLune** climbed into her locker. Someone slammed the door shut, and it came unriggered, leaving **VandeLune** stuck inside. Assistant Principal **Greg Renaud** had to rescue **VandeLune**.

In the Future

•Kassie Sneller

Faculty/ staff members look ahead to life after high school

They love it so much they just can't leave it. They even went to college in order to come back and be a part of a high school once again. Some days, they can't imagine that retirement can even be in their futures. However, for teachers and staff, they can look ahead to life after high school.

"In 20 years, it will be time for me to retire. I can't believe it. I would like to live near the beach, maybe by the Mediterranean Sea, where I am from, or near my grandchildren where ever they may be," said Spanish teacher **Paloma Soria**. Soria has been teaching here for two years.

As for world geography and world religions teacher **Dave Bensink**, looking ahead 20 years is too far in the future.

"Ten more years is the longest I'd be teaching, and I hope I will be healthy enough to do a part-time job for some kind of employment. Where I'll be and what I'll be doing is hard to say, but it will be decided on when I get there," said **Bensink**.

Biology and conceptual physics teacher **Jeff Siewert** didn't have anything specific to say about his future, but he still had a general outlook for 20 years.

"I hope to be continuing on my journey through life... growing old and gray with my wife Kristin and watching my sons Zach and Cole grow and experience all life has to offer," said **Siewert**.

Defining Co-workers...



"One person I admire is Mr. Linn; he's very patient and very technical. He has willingness and is always able to help."

Jon Nibbelink, math

"The social studies staff last year because they were able to maintain their interests and desire to teach for over 30 years." **Steven Woolery**, English/speech



"As a new teacher, Mrs. Brass has definitely been a big help to me as both a mentor and a friend."

Wendy Vander Linden, English

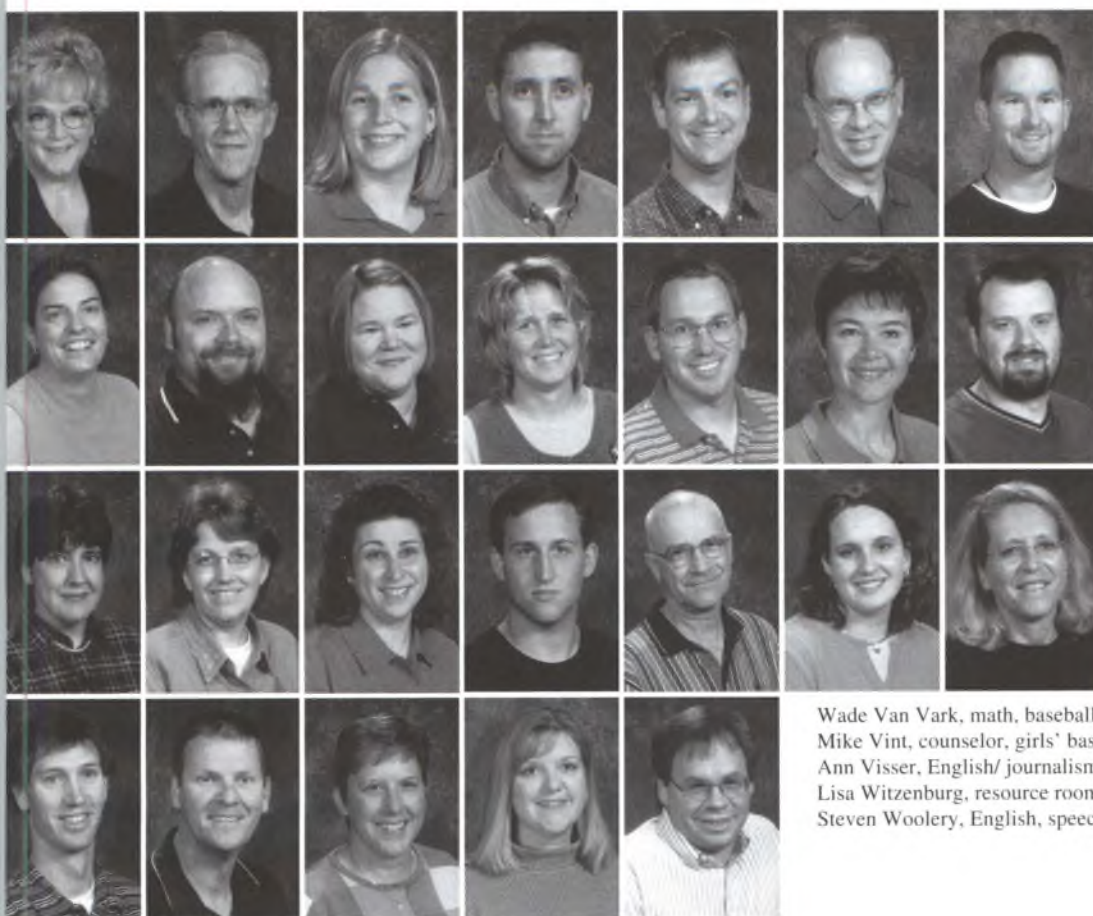
Carmen Anderson, curriculum secretary
Mike Ballenger, counselor, basketball
Dave Bensink, social studies, football, basketball
Clarence Bergmann, media spec.
Bev Brass, English /humanities
Teri Buitenwerf, office secretary
Les Carter, chemistry/ physics

Deb Clark, health, p.e., IMs
Mark Core, government/ sociology, basketball
Kristy De Jong, sign lang. interpreter, tennis
Charlee Eekoff, orchestra
Jim Emmert, art
Karen Fitzsimmons, resource room assoc.
Mark Goodrich, industrial tech., TSA

April Gruver, resource room
Bryant Hancock, social studies, computer, wrestling
Cathy Hones, science
Brian Huddle, at-risk counselor
Max Killoren, custodian
Gretchen Klein, Spanish
Ella Kool, guidance secretary

Mark Lee, principal
Dennis Linn, math
Regina Linn, English
Bill Lubach, resource room
Jay McKinstrey, business, football
Bryan Mours, social studies, computer, tennis
Eric Nelson, asst. principal





Joyce Nelson, family & consumer sciences, FHA
Jon Nibbelink, math
Carrie Oppenhuizen, science
Eric Pingel, computer programming
Dak Rasmussen, social studies, track
Dick Redman, band/colorguard/ Jazz I
Dave Ross, English, football

Karen Ryals, resource room
Chris Sand, French, debate
Nickolet Sand, vocal music, Forté
Shelly Sample, study hall monitor
Matt Schulte, math, football
Jeffy Schuring, office secretary
Jeff Siewert, science

Paloma Soria, Spanish
Lori Southmayd, resource room assoc.
Julie Stratton, art
Corey Thorson, p.e., football, basketball
Don Trow, industrial technology,
School-to-Work
Wendy Vander Linden, English
Margene Van Horn, p.e., tennis, IMs

Wade Van Vark, math, baseball
Mike Vint, counselor, girls' basketball
Ann Visser, English/ journalism
Lisa Witzenburg, resource room
Steven Woolery, English, speech, plays

Not Pictured

Guy Blair, instrumental music
Edie Buwalda, custodian
Sandy Cooper, food service
Patty ErkenBrack, media center associate
Lowell Ernst, curriculum director
Cheryl Ferguson, food service

Sandy Glassel, custodian
Teresa Houser, food service
Rita Moneysmith, custodian
Kate See, food service
Roxanne Sloan, food service
Sharon Smith, food service

Donna Terlouw, food service
Bill Van Horn, athletic director
Gayle Vermeer, food service
Judy Versteegt, food service
Walt Ward, custodian
Mark Williams, ag., FFA, golf

Mark Wittmer, superintendent
Myron Linn, board of education
Joe Michels, board of education
Marv Van Wyk, board of education
Paul Van Zee, board of education
Ivan Vos, board of education

NOW

THEN

Karen Fitzsimmons



For the last two years, **Karen Fitzsimmons** has been a teacher's associate for special education. She teaches living skills for freshmen through seniors.

Between August 2000 and May 2001, **Fitzsimmons** was a talented and gifted teacher at Lynville-Sully Elementary for one year. She worked with kindergarden through fifth grades.



Dak Rasmussen



Dak Rasmussen has been teaching world history and humanities here for the last year. During the spring season, he is the head coach for the girls' track team.

Rasmussen taught many classes at HLV in Victor. He taught world history, American history, psychology, sociology, government, economics and contemporary problems. He also coached the HLV sprint medley team.



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Senior Lauren Anderson

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Senior **Sara Shetterly**•world history

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"Pricy"



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"Gas prices are fine where they are right now. If they go over \$2, I don't think I'd have much of a social life because that's where all my money goes."

Sophomore
Zach Hogan

March 1, 2003, in Menlo Park, Calif., an unidentified person put up a sign about their feelings about the raising gas prices.

"Talent"



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"I thought the show was a great idea and watching the final show was fun. I was really excited when Kelly won because she was a great singer and has great hair."

Freshman
Chelsey Dahm

"American Idol" finalists **Justin Guarini** and **Kelly Clarkson** pose backstage during the MTV Video Music Awards, Aug. 29, 2003

"Skill"



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"Carson Palmer deserved it the most due to his lack of weakness. He'll be the #1 draft pick due to his powerful and accurate arm. If Palmer would not have been nominated, Brad Banks would have gotten it for sure."

Senior
Jim Dingeman

USC quarterback **Carson Palmer** poses with the Heisman Trophy after winning it on Dec. 14, 2002.

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Junior **Justin Thomas**•Bowling

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Junior **Danielle Descoteau**•Humanities

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“Disrespect”



back on the American flag during the playing of the national anthem before a basketball game on Feb. 23, 2003.

“People may say that it’s freedom of speech, but the National Anthem is a symbol of our freedoms and doesn’t have to do with whether or not to have a war. People should support their country.”

Senior
Katelyn DePenning

Manhattansville College senior
Toni Smith, center, turns her

“Innocence”



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“It’s bad that innocent children are being injured, and we have to be at war because so many people are being hurt. I support the troops fighting for freedom. I pray for the best.”

Junior
Sara VerMeer

March 22, 2003, an Iraqi child who suffered burns during the overnight bombing raid over Baghdad, cries as he is picked up by his mother outside an emergency room.

“Charming”



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“It’s sad because I watched it with my babysitting kids, and it was hard for the kids to accept that he was dead, so we couldn’t watch it anymore.”

Junior
Natasha Vander Weide

Fred Rogers poses on the set of his television show “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood” in 1996. Rogers died of cancer on Feb. 27, 2003. He was 74.

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"Entertaining"



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"Harry Potter is so overrated.
 I haven't seen it, and I don't
 want to!"

Junior

Lindsay Donahue

Stars of the new Harry Potter
 film arrive for the U.S.
 premier of their movie, "Harry
 Potter and the Chamber of
 Secrets," Nov. 10, 2002.

"Monumental"



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"Let's just hope this guy isn't
 a megalomaniac... I just want
 the new towers to be a good
 monument to the old ones."

Junior

Dan George

Architect **Daniel Libeskind**
 presents his winning vision for
 a new World Trade Center to
 New York Mayor and New
 York Governor at a news
 conference on Feb. 27, 2003.

"Champion"



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"Defense played the biggest
 part in the success of the Buc
 because of certain players
 such as Derek Brooks. Also
 the offense improved from the
 prior years to help them win."

Freshman

Nathan DeHeer

Tampa Bay Buccaneers head
 coach, **Jon Gruden**, holds u
 the Lombardi trophy after
 winning Super Bowl XXXVI
 Jan. 26, 2003. The Bucs bea
 the Oakland Raiders, 48-21.

festive



Junior **Josh Jones**•Karen Ryals' class

auditioning



Junior **Lacy May**, sophomore **Danielle Jacobson**•Carnaby Club Auditions

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Junior Amanda Van Sant

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Junior Jenny Veenstra

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Senior Adam Whitehead

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"Tragedy"



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"At first I was surprised and didn't know what to think. I would get on a shuttle after this incident. It would be an awesome experience. If I was meant to die that way, so be it."

Freshman
Jenna Parker

Space Shuttle Columbia crew are shown in this crew photo. NASA declared an emergency after losing communication with Columbia as the ship soared over Texas, Feb. 1, 2003.

"Amusing"



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"I thought it was a funny video but not award-worthy."

Freshman
Jay Mathes

Eminem accepts the award for Best Video of the Year for "Without Me" during the MTV Video Music Awards at New York's Radio City Music Hall, Aug. 29, 2002.

"Disturbing"



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"I think that some of his fans started not to like him after what Michael Jackson did. I think that other fans still do like him and will no matter what he does."

Sophomore
Lacey Pender

Michael Jackson dangles his child (with a towel over its head) over a balcony in Berlin, Nov. 19, 2002.

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Junior Megan Pothoven

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Senior **Jessica Boertje**•Madrigal Dinner

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Junior Tyler VerMeer

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"Success"



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"I think it is great that someone other than Britney Spears won a Grammy for once."
 Junior

Nathan Kroese

Norah Jones holds her five Grammy Awards at the 45th Annual Grammy Awards, Feb. 23, 2003.

Jones won in every category where she was nominated.

"Wow!"



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"As long as the Senate is not incapacitated, I think it is a great feat to reach 100 years. They say wisdom comes with age! I don't feel that there is a need to set a maximum age limit in the Senate."

Senior
Ashley Sample

President **George Bush** celebrates the 100th birthday of Sen. **Strom Thurmond** at the White House, Dec. 6, 2002.

"Reality"



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"I don't really like reality shows too much because they seem really staged, and the fact that you can meet someone and in a few dates decide to marry them is just absurd."

Junior
Courtney Fleenor

Evan Marriot, of the FOX Television show "Joe Millionaire" speaks to members of the media, Jan. 17, 2003.

energetic



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"Awarding"



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*"I thought it was good
because she can be a role
model to a lot of people and
she seems to project her image
pretty well."*

Junior

Louis VanderStreek

Jennifer Aniston accepts her
award for outstanding lead
actress in comedy series for
her work in "Friends," during
the 54th Annual Primetime
Emmy Awards
Sept. 22, 2002.

"Needed"



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*"We should have a
Homeland Security Director
because terrorists could run
free on homelands and we
would have tons of 9/11's if
we don't have a director."*

Freshman

A.J. Nunnikhoven

President **Bush** watches as
former Gov. **Tom Ridge** is
sworn in as the first secretary
of the Department of
Homeland Security
Jan. 24, 2003.

"Courageous"



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*"I personally think he
deserves the death penalty. It
is against the conduct of war
to kill, or try to kill, any of the
soldiers on 'your side.'"*

Junior

Matt Klassen

Soldiers of the first Brigade,
mourn the loss of Capt.

**Christopher
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memorial
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"Controversial"



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"I am fairly neutral about the Osbournes. I personally don't like them or their show. They are people with their own ideas and actions."

Junior

Savannah Veenstra

The Osbournes family pose as they arrive at the 54th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards, Sept. 22, 2002.

"Recognition"



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"I think some other president deserves the Nobel Peace Prize because I don't even know what Jimmy Carter did."

Freshman

Angela McNaughton

Former President Jimmy Carter receives the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo City Hall, Norway on Dec. 10, 2002, recognizing his work with Habitat for Humanity.

"Outstanding"



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"I think the 'toned' down at the Emmy Awards was too much. O.K., so the red carpet wasn't used, not a big deal, but not allowing people to cheer for the stars is just unfair."

Junior

Mark Richards

Ray Romano ("Everybody Loves Raymond") poses with his award for outstanding lead actor at the Emmy Awards on Sept. 22, 2002.

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Leah Grace Robinson 1986-2002

Leah Grace Robinson, a junior, was killed in a car accident Sept. 18. She was the sister of Levi, a senior, and the daughter of Gina and Ramon Robinson.

Robinson was a member of the Pelladium staff. She was remembered by classmates and teachers at a memorial service held at school Sept. 23. Additionally, she was remembered Sept. 27 at the Homecoming football game as juniors released balloons in her memory. Services were held in Knoxville Sept. 23.

Friends Remember Leah ...

"The shock of Leah's death brought back all the memories we had together growing up. Leah put everyone before herself. Laughter was always heard from her even though deep down inside she was hurting." – Junior Brandi Vink

"We had so many memories, many that won't be forgotten. When I heard she had died, I didn't believe one of my best friends had died. It's one of those things that you don't think is going to happen in your life, but anything can happen." – Junior Kristin Van Zee

Duchess Staff...

Senior Catie Beck



Seniors Lindsay Korver,
Heather Kraayenbrink

Sophomore Luisa Orticelli,
Junior Blair Verhoef



"omnipotent"



• Lindsay Korver
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• Brittany McCulla*
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• Blair Verhoef
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• Sara Steenhoek
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Staff

"cupid"



• Luisa Orticelli
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Dec./Jan., 9/JV BBB,
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• Rachel Shaw
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*Senior Tremaine Versteeg, IHSPA Conference in Ames

cheerful

(*'chier-fel*)
adj. good
spirit; bright

involved

(*in-'välvd*)
adj. to draw
in as a
participant

*Senior Lindsay Korver, practice with Girl Scouts



*Freshman Kerry George, Varsity Girls' Soccer

fit

(*'fit*) adj.
physically
and mentally
sound

crazy

(*'kra-ze*) adj.
to be wild;
goofy

*Freshman Liesel Schroder and senior Ben Bollard, Drill Team Night



by definition

As the 2002-2003 school year came to an end, most people walked away with many memorable moments. Whether the memories were positive or negative, these were the times that the students would be able to define for years to come. Junior **Josh Smith** reflected on the boys' state basketball tournament. "Winning the championship game was the most spectacular experience I've had in sports. I loved the endless cheering and the cool feeling of being number one. I'll never forget it," said **Smith**.

Although most students didn't experience many life-changing events, the little things were what they would remember - like when the girls' and boys' basketball bus broke down after the Boone game, or when Assistant Principal **Eric Nelson** received stitches in his forehead (along with a hospital bill), after running into the pop machine. These experiences may have not been so joyful at the time, but looking back on it would make most laugh.

Four teachers, **Deb Clark**, **Nickolet Sand**, **Chris Sand** and **Carrie Oppenhuizen** left the school district for other opportunities. The up-and-coming freshman received a glimpse into what the high school world was like at eighth grade orientation while the graduates left to pursue their post-high school lives. Senior **Stuart Steenhoek** summed up the year using one word - nostalgia. "Senior year stands out from any other year. It seemed like everyone bonded. The whole year I felt excitement for sports and college next year, but I also had a sense of nostalgia for the great years in high school," said **Steenhoek**.

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*Freshmen **Megan Renaud** and **Sierra Smith** cheer for the girls' basketball team at the state tournament. The girls were defeated in the semi-finals. *Senior **Klayton Korver** maneuvers around a Knoxville opponent to go up for a shot. Pella won the game, 64-41.

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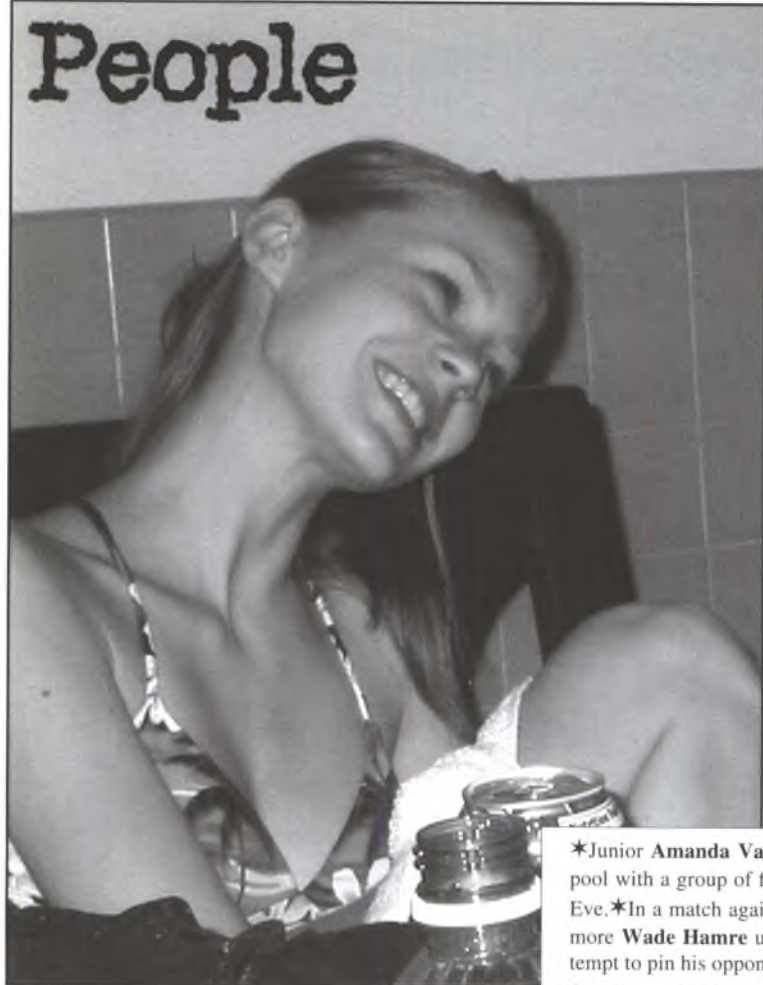


*Junior **Kyle Eastwood** gets his monster truck revved up for TSA competition. *Juniors **Emily Goodyk** and **Katie Ozinga** laugh about the bunny that **Ozinga** received as a gag gift at a Christmas party.



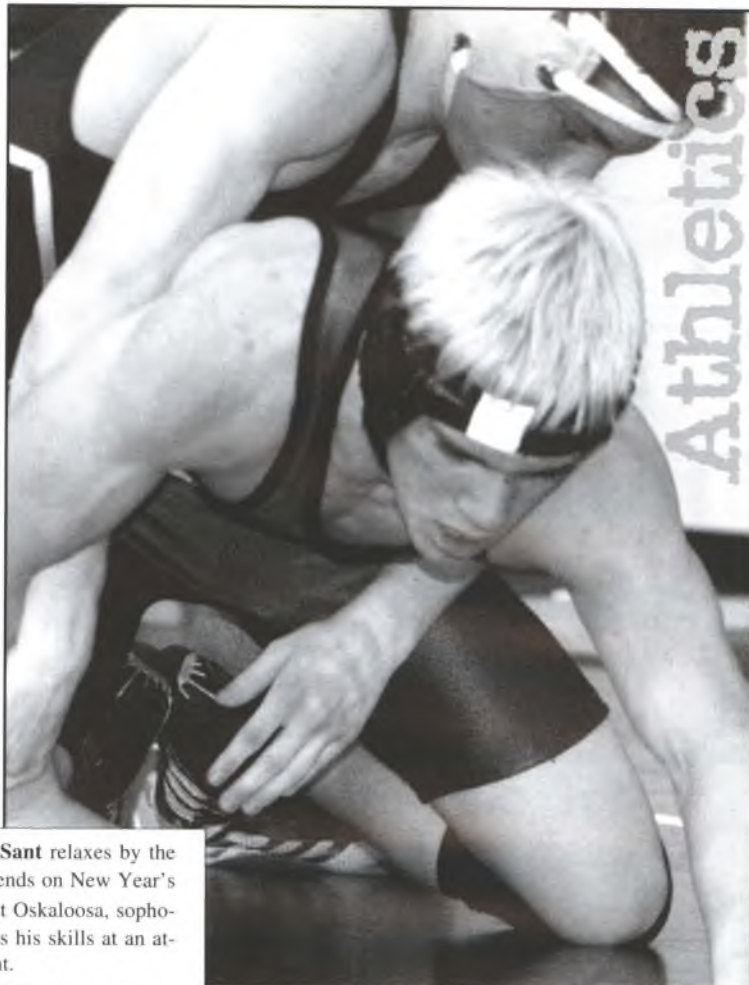
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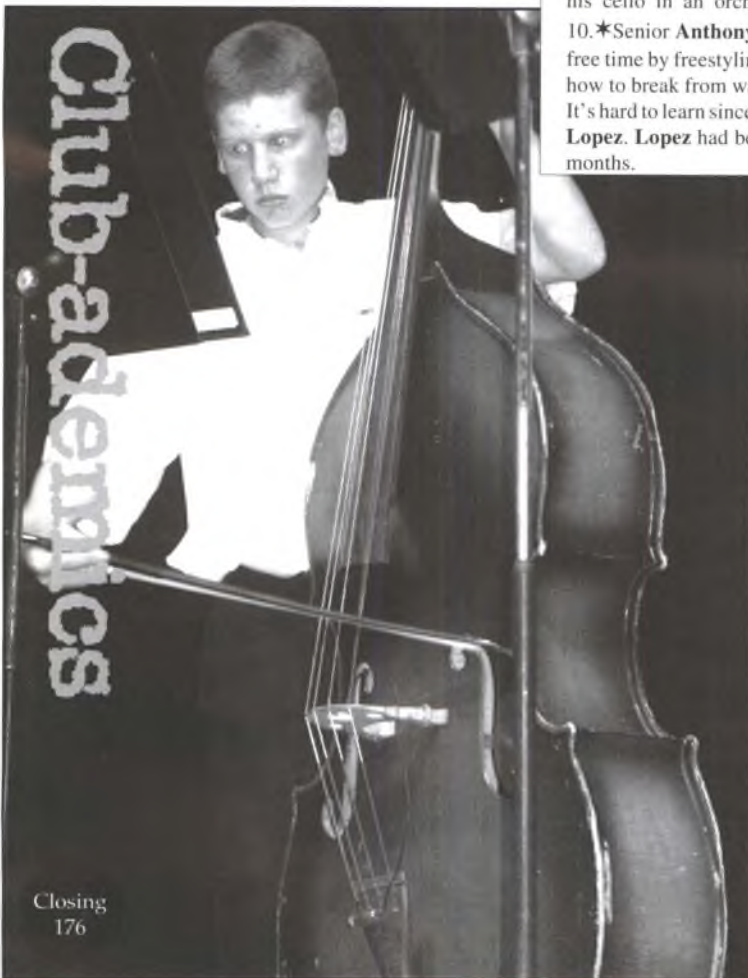


*Junior **Amanda Van Sant** relaxes by the pool with a group of friends on New Year's Eve.*In a match against Oskaloosa, sophomore **Wade Hamre** uses his skills at an attempt to pin his opponent.

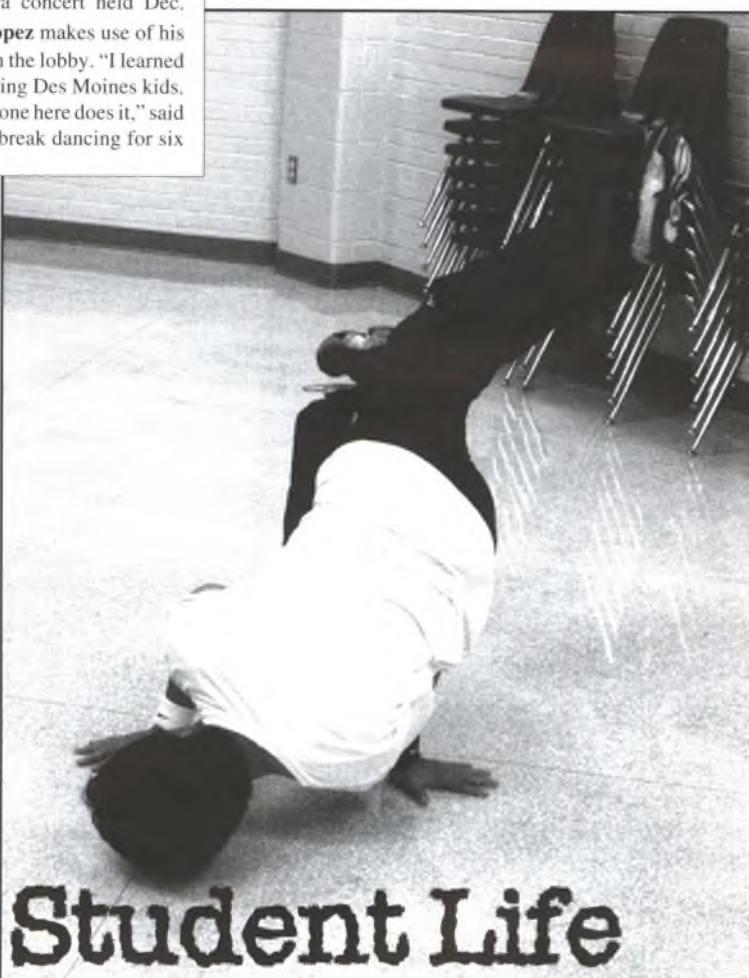
*Freshman **Joe Langenfeld** plays a piece on his cello in an orchestra concert held Dec. 10.*Senior **Anthony Lopez** makes use of his free time by freestyling in the lobby. "I learned how to break from watching Des Moines kids. It's hard to learn since no one here does it," said **Lopez**. **Lopez** had been break dancing for six months.



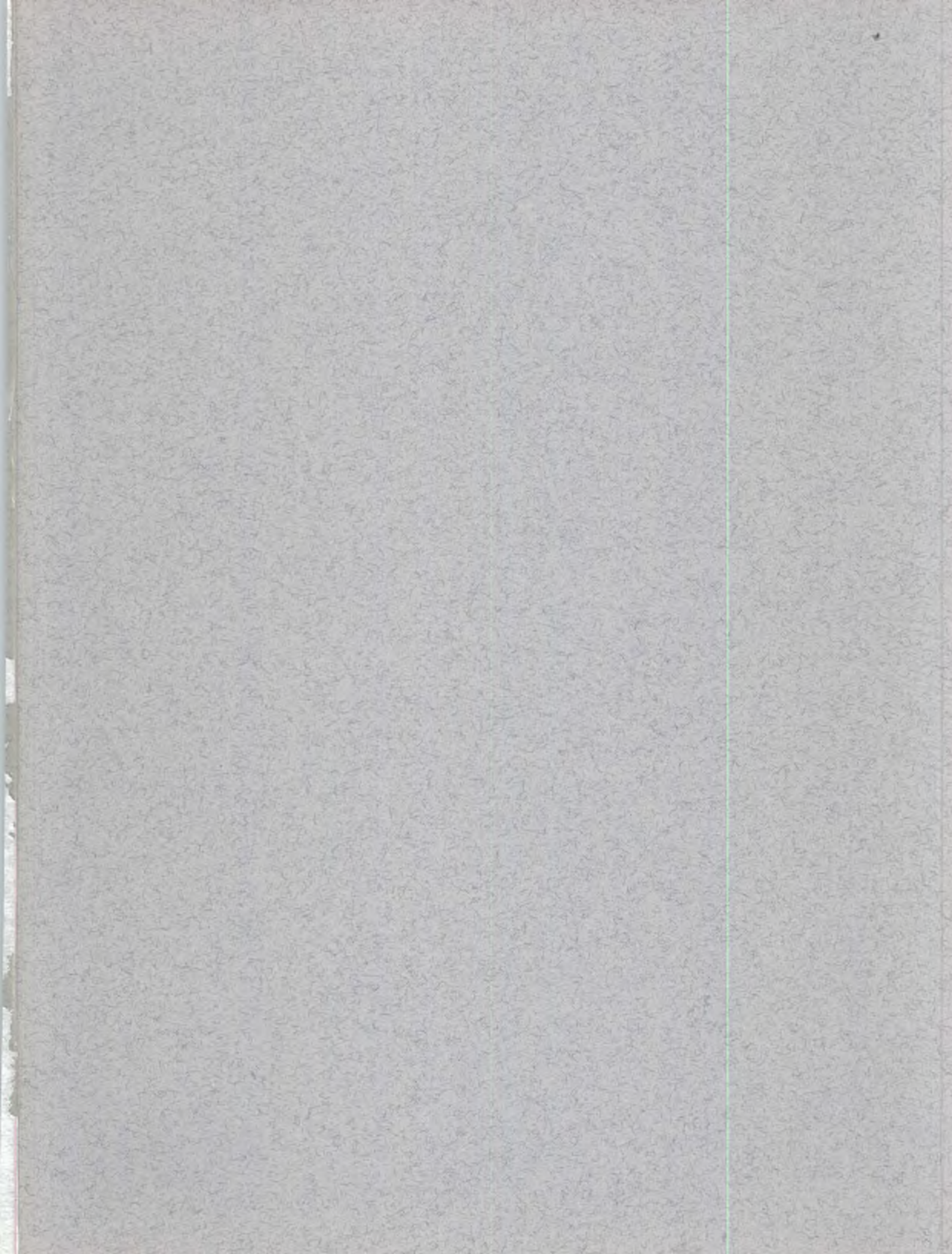
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